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### Bender And Hoffa

IT IS UNDERSTATEMENT to say that Ohio's former Sen. George H. Bender lost something in repute when he undertook to sweep the Angeleno stables of the Teamsters' International at the behest of James L. Hoffa, president. But not until Mr. Hoffa testified anew the other day before the McClellan Committee was it publicly known how much the Bender enterprise cost the once-paying members of that union.

Mr. Hoffa disclosed that Mr. Bender had spent \$80,000 of union funds in his endeavor to "clean up" the union from within. What did Hoffa get out of the \$80,000? Very little, he heard him tell it. He found Mr. Bender's report back at him on the ground that was "very inaccurate, very incomplete" and that ended the matter.

Mr. Bender, as Mr. Hoffa recalled it, did not bother to answer Hoffa's objections and the report presumably went into the dead file.

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### Hoffa and Seltzer

The only difference between Jimmy Hoffa and Louis Seltzer is that Hoffa doesn't belong



to the Union Club and doesn't wear a handkerchief. But they both have Napoleon complexes.

GEORGE BENDER, 508 Williamson Bldg.



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## Redistricting: Danger-at-Large

George H. Bender became congressman-at-large the last time Ohio was awarded an additional representative.

Looking back, Ohioans may excuse themselves with a poor selection. It is hard to judge unknown candidates in state-wide elections.

No man excuse exalted by the time Ohioans sent Bender to the Senate. But there, at Republican convention and as a high-poll flunky for Jimmy Hoffa and the Teamsters, George Bender revealed himself as one of Ohio's unkind gifts to Washington.



Bender

Now the latest census lets Ohio add another congressman. The chance of another at-large congressman has stirred Bender's memory. He promises to run in either the representative or senate race.

Happily the electorate is too savvy now to send Bender back. But the possibility of electing another person of his caliber should worry the General Assembly in Columbus. The danger will exist if redistricting is postponed, leaving an at-large representative's post to be filled by the state as a whole.

Redistricting is a knotty problem, but in a matter so important as giving voters a fair chance to elect a man of their choice, no obstacle should be too great.

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## Johnson as Westerner Has Southerners Sore

World-Herald Washington Bureau.  
DHS National Press Building.  
The political tightrope that candidates for office—and particularly for President—must walk is being exemplified these days by Lyndon Johnson, the Senate's Democratic Leader.

Because of the generally accepted conclusion that a Southerner cannot be elected President, a full-scale effort has been made to identify Mr. Johnson, a Texan, as a Westerner instead of a Southerner. Recently the California Democratic National Committee man said his state wouldn't buy that line of reasoning.

Meantime, some of the most influential Southern leaders have expressed burning resentment over what they consider an effort to disavow Southern connections.

It could result in withholding of Southern support to Mr. Johnson at the Democratic convention.

### Tricks

Like so many others, former Ohio Senator George Bender finds his memory plays him tricks occasionally.

Mr. Bender is the former anti-rackets chairman of the Teamsters Union, hired by Senator Johnson. A few days ago, after one-time Senate Rackets Committee Counsel Robert Kennedy had termed Mr. Bender's union job a "very expensive joke," Mr. Bender rejoined:

"I feel very proud of the fact that the union has complied with every recommendation I made to it."

But almost a year ago, Mr. Bender told a World-Herald reporter that he had

recommended that Barney Baker, the four-hundred-pound Teamsters organizer, be discharged from his job. Baker wasn't fired, though.

### Protected

The other day, Senator Thomas Kuchel of California was the only Republican on the Senate floor when an aid came into the chamber to inform him he had an important telephone call.

Mr. Kuchel remembered, though, that a year or two ago, at a brief period when there was no GOP member present, some Democratic wag moved that the Republican Party be abolished.

"I do not wish to have that happen today," said Mr. Kuchel, as Democrats grinned.

Senator Allen J. Ellender, the kind-hearted Louisiana

Democrat, promised Mr. Kuchel to protect the interests of the Republicans, and prevent their abolition, while his California colleague answered the phone.

### Busy

Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton goes to his office every Saturday, though most of official Washington operates on a five-day week.

Last Saturday, a newsman-friend of the Secretary's reached him by telephone at work.

"You and I," said the reporter, "are the only people working in Washington today."

"That's a self-serving statement if I ever heard one," replied Mr. Seaton. "But I love to hear you say it."

—John Jarrell.

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## Travel In Style .... Al Schatteltkotte's Talk Of The Town



IF CINCINNATI'S Golden Gloves boxing team (to be made up of winners in tomorrow night's finale at Cincinnati Garden) doesn't win the national championship in Chicago, it will, at least, be the classiest traveling squad.

The general chairman of this year's Golden Gloves contest is automobile agency executive C. Delaney Thompson, Jr., master of pooling around with the expense of a special bus for the trip (which would add to the overhead and take away money from the benefitting Multiple Sclerosis Fund) he's going to send them all to Chicago in his cars—Cadillacs.

MAJ. GEN. JOHN B. MEDARIS, the U. S. Army's master and space development boss for the last four years, considers Cincinnati his home town. But he isn't returning here to live following his retirement.

Medaris savantly is taking a long vacation in Florida—his first real relief since he was given the high-pressure missile assignment. Look for him, after a time, to settle in the Carolinas and take a position in the educational field.

General Medaris was born in Milford. As a young man he lived a real knockabout

life, sometimes as a soldier, sometimes as a civilian. He finally came back to Cincinnati to settle down around 1930 and was a branch manager for Kroger's for several years.

He returned to the Army in 1938, stayed through World War II, came out in 1946 and briefly operated in the management consultant business in the Union Central Building, then went back into the Army until his recent retirement.

IS NOTED here the other day, there were some lights in the new Kroger Building for a while in the office could not find a turn-off switch. Turns out they were designed that way. The idea was to keep office pride from controlling the lights. They're handled from a central panel.

DID YOU KNOW... that Republican William Howard Taft once was credited with electing a Democrat as mayor of Cincinnati? Edward J. Dempsey, a Democrat, ran and won against the George Cox machine's Republican nominee in 1906.

And Taft, then U. S. Secretary of War, asserted in Washington, "If I were able to vote in Cincinnati in the coming election, I should vote against the municipal

ticket nominated by the Republican organization." Taft's statement was considered the deciding factor in the election.

RECENT NATIONAL magazine stories about the work of Jack T. Wyman in raising money for his long-ailing Cincinnati Royals teammates, Maurice Stokes, have themselves turned into funds producers. In a period of a few days, going into the weekend, Wyman had received more than 200 pieces of mail, most containing contributions.

SOMETHING For The Town To Talk About: The announcement from Cincinnati Transit that its new air-conditioned buses are about to go into service. They'll be most ideal for the charter service for Coney Field—to help cool off brute fans after our boys give one away... The incredible lack of snow in our town this winter. Of course, by the time this hits print, it probably will be six feet deep outside.

... Former Ohio Sen. George Bender's latest pronouncement—that he was "proud" of his "circump" assignment for ~~James H. H. H.~~ with the TransOhio Union. The way George produced in the job, Hoffa probably was proud of him, too.

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## Episcopalian Decries GO Slight of Ex-Sen. Bender

Defense of George H. Bender, who was by-passed by the Ohio Republican organization in drawing up candidates for delegates to the party's national convention, was voiced yesterday by the Rev. Howard A. L. Grinden at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9721 Radona Boulevard S. E.

"It is good to know that the politicians do not have the full say at the polls," the minister said, "for it is there the voters will remember the goodness of George Bender and exonerate him from the charges implied against him. Justice will prevail."

Bender announced Friday that he would run for Ohio delegate at large to the convention with himself as his first choice for president and "John Smith" as his second choice. The Ohio Republicans are solidly behind Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

"What a shame it is to see the newspapers deriding our good friend, former Sen. George H. Bender," the Rev. Grinden commented. "Not one voice has been raised in his defense."

### Cites Bender as Man of Integrity

"George Bender is a man of integrity and sincerity. That is why the (Farmers Union President James W.) Hoffa organization chose him for the work they wanted done."

"In the heyday of Republicanism in Ohio, George Bender gave out many favors," the pastor said. "Today he asks for one favor in return—to go as a delegate to the convention."

The minister's remarks were made in the course of his preaching on "The Mystery of Religion."

Bender, who is a member of the (Methodist) Church of the Shiloh, Cleveland Heights, has invited the parishoners of St. Mary's Church to his Chagrin Falls estate for their annual picnic for the last several summers.

### Tackles Religious Issue

In the coming presidential campaign Protestant voters should fear more than a Catholic candidate, the possibility that because of the religious issue the true abilities and qualifications of the candidates may be obscured.

This was the statement of the Rev. Alan J. Davis in his sermon at North Royalton Methodist Church.

As American citizens, we are most concerned that a president is chosen who is a man of integrity, one who can unite us rather than divide us and one who accepts and exalts the disciplines of democracy, the minister said.

By the time Nov. 3 rolls around, I may find that the man who best fills this role is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and if so I will vote for him," the Rev. Mr. Davis continued.

"If such a man is a Protestant I shall vote for him and I shall repeat it," emphasizing that his vote was cast against any candidate just because he was a Catholic.

At the outset of his sermon the minister said that by November our country would

be a bitter, bigoted country, shamed before the eyes of the world.

If the Protestant fear of a Catholic president is based on the assumption that the Catholic church or the Catholic voters then will receive preferential treatment of any kind, just the opposite would be true," the Rev. Mr. Davis contended.

More than anything else, a Catholic president would bend over backward to avoid any possible suggestion that he favored the Catholic point of view, the minister predicted. Further, he said, the American voter still has the protection of the constitution with all its careful checks and balances of executive power.

If any Catholic officeholder would be so foolish as to favor his own church, not only would such favoritism not be legally effective, but the voters could take it out on any Catholic candidate running for any office.

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## Bender Is Defended By Rev. H. L. Grindon

The Rev. Howard A. L. Grindon, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and chaplain of the Master Wardens and Deacons Association of Cuyahoga County representing 42,000 members, has come to the defense of George H. Bender who has been by-passed by the Ohio Republican organization as a candidate as delegate to the party's national convention.

"It's a shame to see the newspapers depicting our good friend and former senator, George H. Bender. Not one voice has been raised in his defense. An attorney like a minister is compelled to associate with all kinds of people.

"George Bender is a man of integrity and sincerity. That is why the Hoffa organization chose him for the work they wanted done.

"How many thousands of liars would have given their eyes teeth for that opportunity and its subsequent remuneration?" George Bender did his job and gave the money to charity (mostly churches), thus protecting his own integrity. The President of the United States and the Vice President both testified to the honesty of Mr. Bender," the minister said.

In the heyday of Republicanism in Ohio, George Bender gave out many favors," the Rev. Mr. Grindon asserted. "Now he asks one favor, to go as a delegate to the convention. The politicians do not have full say at the polls and it is there that the voters will exonerate Mr. Bender from the charges implied against him. Justice will prevail."



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## Republicans and George Bender

If George Bender goes through with his apparent intention of asking Ohio Republicans in the May primary for a show of hands on his desire to join the Ohio Republican delegation to the national convention next summer, he must be ready to accept what we believe will be harsh judgment.

Mr. Bender accepted his appointment in this summer 1958 to head an "anti-racket commission" to clean up the interrelated Brotherhood of Teamsters at a time when the name and its president, James R. Hoffa, were under severe scrutiny by the Senate Rackets Committee.

The upshot of this decision by the Ohioans was a subsequent statement by Hoffa that the commission had found his union to be "free of racketeering." Though the two other members of the commission denied joining Bender in any report to that effect.

To this day, a cover has been made clear either to any official agency or to the public in any official way what Bender did in his assignment other than to be paid by Hoffa.

Any net effect as far as Hoffa and the union are concerned has not been discernible. But the net effect as far as Bender is concerned has been discernible to everybody but him.

As a political symbol, the Ohioans' future influence was diminished by his association with an organization whose reputation has been clouded by so many dark doubts its officials are operating under the watchful supervision of a board of monitors appointed by a federal judge.

Mr. Bender, above all else, will be making this association. He took what to him must have appeared as a calculated risk, insofar as his own political status is concerned. He is above all a seasoned and shrewd politician. He cannot say he is surprised by the opinion of his political peers that he hurt himself politically by his association with Mr. Hoffa.

If that is the judgment he wants delivered on himself by going before Ohio Republicans in their party primary next May, we feel certain he will get it.

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WHITEWASHER DESIGNS

The former United States Senator from Ohio, George Bender, has resigned his position as the "anti-racketeer" monitor of the Teamsters union. So says provisional President James R. Hoffa.

Mr. Bender was hired way back in 1958 at the rate of \$250 for each day that he worked at the job to "clean up" Mr. Hoffa's union. This was after the notorious scandals involving Teamster officials and their gangster associates had begun to be revealed by the McClellan subcommittee of the Senate.

This resignation of a former Senator with the Teamsters soon became one of the most smelly aspects of the whole affair. It was obvious to anyone who bothered to look into the matter at all that Bender was employed not to remove the thugs from the leadership of the union but to whitewash them.

He failed miserably. So flatly did he fail that Bender says he later asked that his fee be reduced to \$125 a day and added that he gave most of what he got to charity.

Bender and his associates did not remove a single Teamster official. They did nothing about the fact that Hoffa virtually stole the election when he was named President to succeed Dave Beck, who may yet go to jail.

The word now is that Bender may go back into politics in Ohio. If so, we hope there are enough admirers of the late Sen. Bob Taft left to put him in his place.

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## Lausche Is Down, but Don't Count Him Out

By RAY DORSEY

Plain Dealer Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Frank J. Lausche a prestige among Ohio Democrats has taken a terrific beating in recent weeks. But don't let anyone make the mistake of singing a premature requiem over his currently prostrate form.

Some of Lausche's long-time political enemies are saying that Gov. Michael V. DiSalle has destroyed any semblance of political organization the senator ever had by submitting it into the regular state organization, which DiSalle controls. This is true.

They are also saying that the Cleveland was completely outmaneuvered by the Toledo's pledge of support to U.S. Sen. Joseph F. Kennedy of Massachusetts for the party's presidential nomination. This, too, is correct.

They point out, with some truth, that the man who six times won the Democratic nomination for governor of Ohio and spent 10 years in the Governor's Mansion has been voting like a Republican better than 80% of the time in the Senate. Score for them another bull's-eye.

But then they go on to proclaim proudly that Lausche is politically dead in Ohio and that he couldn't even win his party's nomination for re-election in 1962. And that is where they go off the track into a wilderness of wishful thinking.



RAY DORSEY

### Public Doesn't Hold Party Loyalty Dear

What they forget is that above and beyond the small clusters known as political organizations there is a great force known as the general public.

The general public is composed of many Democrats who think only partly and occasionally as Democrats, many Republicans who think only partly and occasionally as Republicans, and many independents who think sometimes as Democrats and sometimes as Republicans.

In the eyes of this general public, which twice has elected President Eisenhower, the senator from Ohio has committed no crime in voting as a Republican; he wanted

in the eyes of this general public Lausche remains a symbol of conservatism and economy in government. He remains a symbol, too, of "the little man" standing up against the powerful forces of political

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bossism, big unions and big lobbies.

There are many Democrats, particularly among the professionals, who wish they could sweep Frank Lausche under the rug and forget about him. But they can't and won't.

And perhaps that's a good thing for them, whether they realize it or not. Because the time may come in 1962 when they will find that Lausche is more than he needs them.

### George Didn't Run Away

Rarely have Ohio Republicans been so thoroughly embarrassed as they have been by one-man show which former U.S. Sen. George H. Bender has been putting on recently.

They thought that by omitting Bender's name from their list of delegates to the GOP national convention they could rid themselves of any stigma that attached to the senator's association with Treasurer Ross Jimmy Hoffa.

But George refused to go along. The result was a lot of headlines and news stories that again reminded the public of Bender's connection with Hoffa.

At week's end he was preparing to carry on his fight as a delegate through circulation of petitions bearing his own name as his first choice for president. In so doing he is risking political annihilation. If he fails he will be not only dead but buried as a Republican figure.

### GOP Potentials Shy

A citizen group trying to encourage persons of outstanding ability to run for Republican nomination to the Ohio Legislature from Cuyahoga County is finding the task difficult.

Some of the top people who have been approached have been unwilling to interrupt their careers by taking time to serve in the legislature. Others have been unwilling to risk defeat by running in a county that has a habit of voting Democratic.

However, the group eventually will come up with perhaps one candidate for the Ohio Senate and three or four for the Ohio House.

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#### Bender and Wife

George H. Bender seems to be determined to force upon the Republicans of Ohio the issue of whether he should be a delegate to the national convention which is expected to nominate Vice President Nixon for president.

It is quite obvious that Bender does not realize that he lost his usefulness to the Republican party the day he accepted an assignment from Jimmy Hoffa to "clean up" the Teamsters Union at a remuneration of \$250 per diem, later cut to \$125.

It is debatable whether Bender did anything to "clean up" the union. As a matter of fact, nobody knows just what Bender did to earn his money. It is a reasonable assumption, however, that if Hoffa wanted his union cleaned up, he could have done it himself first by firing all the handlums and racketeers who gravitated toward him and then turning in his own resignation. At any rate, the monitors appointed by the federal court do not think the union has been cleaned up.

Bender, of course, denies he was hired to do a whitewash job. But he is very naive if he believes otherwise. Certainly the public believes that's what he was hired for and that's why the Republicans don't want him to be a delegate to their convention.

There is another reason why it would be incongruous for the Republicans to have an associate of Jimmy Hoffa on their slate of delegates. That is because Hoffa has marked 56 members of Congress, mostly Republicans, for political extinction because they voted for what he calls "the union-busting, Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin bill." Among them is Rep. William H. Ayres of Akron. It would be a strange situation, indeed, if the Republicans, while supporting Ayres, were to have an old pal of Hoffa on their ticket.

Well, perhaps a good fight is just what the Republicans need to stimulate interest in their party. And to make sure that the issue is clear cut, why doesn't Bender select Hoffa as his first choice for president and William Frazier as his second?

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## GOP Chief Let Bender Have His Say

By RAY BOWEN  
Plain Dealer Political Writer  
Former U.S. Sen. George H. Bender was not daunted by one yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Cuyahoga County Republican executive committee.

But the open clash that many Republicans had expected might take place between him and County GOP chairman J. L. (Sonny) DeMaoribus failed to materialize.

Bender at first began to make his speech when he rose to second the nomination of Philmore J. Haber for recommended re-appointment to the Board of Elections.

### Remarks Deferred

DeMaoribus interrupted him to point out that the committee was in the process of an election. Bender replied he would defer his remarks until after the vote.

Following the unanimous approval of Haber and the election board member's speech of thanks, DeMaoribus announced that without objection Bender would be permitted to make a two-minute speech. There was no objection.

The chairman later explained he had decided to let the ex-senator speak rather than put

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him in the position of being able to assert he had been throttled.

Pres. says, DeMaoribus had insisted that the meeting had been called solely to nominate a member of the election board and that any other discussion would be ruled out of order.

Bender's remarks were chiefly concerned with his desire to be a delegate at the Republican national convention and a reply to critics of the work he had done for the Teamsters Union.

Although he has said he would be a candidate next May for the county chairmanship now held by DeMaoribus, Bender made no mention of this in his speech and, in fact, remarked: "I have no quarrel with Sonny. He's my friend. At least he tells me all the time he's my friend."

Bender, looking tired, explained he had not had any sleep Wednesday night while waiting in Washington for a plane to fly to Cleveland yesterday morning so he could attend the meeting.

### Displaying Picture of Self With Nixon

Displaying a picture of himself with Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the ex-senator read the inscription in which Nixon expressed gratitude for Bender's service to the Republican party and wished Bender every success.

"I saw Dick Nixon last week," he continued, "and he said he not only had no objection but would be happy to have me as a delegate."

Bender reaffirmed his intention of running for delegate with or without the approval of the state GOP organization. He noted that he had been a delegate to every GOP national convention since 1936.

He said that in 1958 he nominated DeMaoribus for the county GOP chairmanship and was "not unhappy at that time at not being made chairman of the central committee."

The Republicans that year took "the worst kicking of our lives," he continued, because of "ingratitude" on the part of former Gov. C. William O'Neill and the right-wing issue.

Bender asserted that he was "proud" of the work he had done for the Teamsters Union, but he had never been a close friend of Teamster Boss Jimmy Hoffa and that "there was no whitewash done."

"Those one-a-quarter-million people in that union are trying to do the right thing," he said. "I resigned because I thought my work was all done."

"I know all kinds of people with all kinds of associations. I don't condemn them because of those associations."

He said that "no one criticizes Liv Ireland because he is a friend of John L. Lewis or Haber because 'one of his principal clients is Arthur McBride Hoffa's closest friend in Cleveland.'"

Bender showed DeMaoribus an afternoon newspaper that had a headline reading "DeMaoribus, Bender Wait Showdown," and the ex-senator remarked: "I didn't know we were going to fight today."

DeMaoribus quickly retorted: "There are no quotations from me 'less. They are all from you."

Bender interjected: "Oh, they are quotations from you, too. Just look here—"

DeMaoribus concluded the discussion by asserting: "We are not here to argue."

The whole meeting took less than a half hour. Republican headquarters, where it was held in the Williamson Building, was packed, with virtually every member of the committee present.



YOUNGSTOWN (O.)  
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From Sen. George Bender of Cleveland recently learned his "services" as a "clean up man for the teamsters" toward "cleaning up" the teamsters has never been made public.

It would have been inconsistent on the part of James R. Hoffa, the teamsters' leader, to pay a man from union funds to disclose abuses making the teamsters appear worse in the public eye than previous investigations had revealed. And the pay was good, at least for a while. Up to July 1 of last year Mr. Bender had received \$100 in salary and expenses. Prior to moving the job, he was reported working for much less.

The teamsters are still the same old Hoffa-directed union. The situation in Ohio has not been changed to any great extent by the notorious Bill Premier still the big man. Perhaps the Republican Party is the principal beneficiary. Mr. Bender undoubtedly has lost whatever influence he had in GOP affairs.

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### Bender's Big 'Clean-Up' Bypassed Ohio

Just what, if anything, George Bender did to earn his tag (Teamsters' 'insider' inside clean-up man is a matter of dispute.

Bender himself, in his usual brazen way, claims he did a bang-up job. On the other hand, the court appointed Teamsters monitors have always figured Bender's role as nothing more than a whitewash expert.

If Ohio results are typical, Bender has accomplished little. Bill Prosser is still the big man in the union in this state. And he and his associates are the same people who were on Bender's own committee (when he was a congress-man) tagged as utterly unworthy of holding high union office.

If there is any constructive result of Bender's effort in Ohio, it is perhaps this:

His powerful grip on the state GOP has slipped badly while he's been tending to Teamsters affairs, which is wonderful for the Republican Party.

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NEWS

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Bender Bows Out

Former Ohio Sen. George Bender, once again in his chairmanship of the Teamsters' Union's own anti-racketeering commission, went in with a roar and came out with a sputter.

Mr. Bender was employed by Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa to investigate Jimmy Hoffa. This is what the agreement amounted to. Zero is what his findings amounted to. As could be expected, the Bender group could find nothing wrong about the operation of its employees.

The Senate Racketeering Committee and the court-appointed members of the union now think more clearly. They found Hoffa wrong with Hoffa and his outfit. By indirection they found plenty wrong with the Bender group's inability to find anything wrong with the Hoffa outfit.

At last the misfit has played itself out. Mr. Bender quietly resigned the Teamster job. He now is available to ring cowbells at the Republican national convention, as he did so effectively eight years ago at Chicago, but it is doubtful that he can get the job.

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#### TALKING IT OVER

By Dwight Young

George Bender is back in the same place, after 16 months of comparative seclusion with Jimmy Hoffa.

In the camp of the teamsters' boss there was only one big wig—only one authorized to sit under the spotlight, Hoffa himself.

I am sure most of our readers will readily recall the circumstances of Bender's association with Hoffa.

When a Senate subcommittee hit pay dirt in exposing racketeering scandals and hoodlums in his union, Hoffa hurriedly looked around for someone to provide a "face" of respectability. He picked Bender, who once essayed to step into the senatorial shoes of the late Bob Taft. In a weak and misguided moment Ohio voters elected him to the senate.

Quickly discovering their mistake, at the next election they cast him into what they firmly believed would be political oblivion with a crushing defeat.

Hoffa hired Bender, at a stipulated fee of \$200 a day for every day he worked. His salary-publicity assignment was to ferret out and clean up any furthering he might find in the teamster organization.

This column doesn't know what or how much he discovered, because for the first time in his life George ceased to be a publicity seeker. Now comes the announcement from Hoffa that his "front" man has resigned, with Bender offering no comment or explanation. We are not told whether the racketeering has been cleaned out and that the union is again "respectable."

There is no trumpeting from George's corner about his achievement, if any. A strange and unaccustomed silence envelops the modest.

No reports of teamster union misdoings that George may have picked up and turned over to Jimmy ever were disclosed to the public.

But at the mention of politics Bender loses his tactfulness. With gusto he told reporters that he is re-entering politics immediately, and that he will be a candidate for delegate-at-large from Ohio to the GOP national convention, pledged to Nixon, of course.

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Apparently it never occurred to George to wait for an invitation to join the select few who are honored by the state committee in this manner. Persons with aspirations to sit in a delegate-at-large seat in the quadrennial conventions of a political party—Republican or Democrat, it makes no difference—simply don't knock down the door and charge in. It is customary to sit back patiently and await the beckoning nod.

That brief association with Hoffa seems to have robbed the onetime Ohio senator of whatever political fitness he may have possessed previously.

Anyhow, Bender's announcement that he had decided to be a delegate-at-large met with thunderous silence in Columbus, where the GOP state committee has its headquarters.

Officially the committee made no public response. It merely acted. The Bender name, for the first time in a more or more of years, does not appear on the endorsed list for 1960.

Determined to be a delegate-at-large anyhow, Bender declares he will buck the state organization and run as an independent. That's what he says now, but what he calms down the chances are he will do nothing of the sort. He has played around in state politics too long not to know he would be courting disastrous defeat in such a contest.

If Bender feels he simply must get to the convention or bust a hamstring trying to do so, then this department offers the suggestion that he lower his sights a few notches and run for a district delegate seat from the Cleveland area.

Then he would have to face the Republican voters of only one congressional district, instead of the entire state. To be sure it would be quite a come-down, with little assurance of victory, but it would be better than twiddling his thumbs on the porch at home.

The Clevelanders' statement, quoting Vice President Nixon, assuring him that he would be an "acceptable" delegate, is unimpassive.

If the men who seem destined to receive the presidential nomination by acclamation felt that way, undoubtedly he would have contrived to pass that information on to the leadership of the Ohio state committee which, in turn, unquestionably would have yielded to Nixon's wishes, thereby averting any sort of primary contest.

George Bender may not yet be able to read the handwriting as the wall clearly enough to comprehend its full meaning, but it is there nonetheless. The political tape has spread again.



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### Bender's Big "Clean-Up" Bypassed Teamsters Here

Just what, if anything, George Bender did to earn his fat face as the Teamsters' inside clean-up man is a matter of dispute.

Bender, himself, in his usual brassy way, claims he did a bang-up job. On the other hand, the court-appointed Teamsters monitors have always figured Bender's role as nothing more than a whitewash expert.

But if local results are typical, Bender has accomplished little. Bill Presser and Babe Triscaro are still the big men in the union here. And these are the same people Bender's own committee (when he was a union boss) tagged as utterly unworthy of holding high union office.

If there is any constructive result of Bender's efforts here in Cleveland, it is perhaps this:

His powerful grip on the local GOP has slipped badly, while he's been tending to Teamsters affairs, which is wonderful for the Republican Party.





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### Still Waiting, George

A LL I can say," ex-senator George Bender commented upon his appointment by James R. Hoffa in 1956 to head up what was billed as a Teamsters Union anti-racketeering commission. "As yet I do not pull punches. Just wait and see."

Well, nearly 17 months have passed since the old ball ringer took over the post, which he is now relinquishing, and the nation is still waiting and watching for results. So far as the records show, Mr. Bender has yet to take even a gentle swipe at the union.

Mr. Bender's chief task, as chairman of the Hoffa-appointed commission, was to root out any corruption or racketeering he uncovered in the Teamsters. Apparently he found nothing amiss, a result that must be deeply satisfying to his Teamster employers, who started him out at once a day.

One reason for Mr. Bender's singular lack of success in a field where the McClellan Commission seemed to have no trouble finding possible corruption might have been his rather curious approach to his challenging assignment. In one summing up of his commission's progress, Mr. Bender said that he had written letters to every Teamster local in the country, asking if they were harboring any crooks or racketeers on their payroll. They all said no.

Mr. Hoffa's sincerity in really wanting honest exposure of any possible racketeering within his big union was suspect, of course, with the naming of Mr. Bender to lead such an investigation. For this is the same Mr. Bender who ran for governor in 1954 with strong Teamster financial support—money that began flowing into the Bender campaign fund shortly after a House subcommittee (known, not surprisingly, as the Bender subcommittee) brought to a quick and unmitigated end an investigation of Teamsters Union activities, especially in Ohio.

In announcing his resignation as chairman of the Hoffa-named commission—the other members resigned last year—Mr. Bender promised to become active once again in Ohio politics. One of his first steps will be to run for delegate-at-large to the Republican national convention.

Ah, well. The union's gain is the party's loss.

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## Bender Bows Out

Former Sen. George Bender, once again in his chairmanship of the Teamsters' own anti-racketeering commission, went in with a roar and came out with a sputter.

Mr. Bender was employed by Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa to investigate Jimmy Hoffa. This is what the assignment amounted to. Zero is what its findings amounted to. As could be expected, the Bender group could find nothing wrong with the operation of its employer.

The Senate Selects committee and the court-appointed monitors of the union saw things more clearly. They found plenty wrong with Hoffa and his outfit. By inspection they found plenty wrong with the Bender group's inability to find anything wrong with the outfit.

Finally the little mouse played itself out. Mr. Bender quietly resigned the Teamster job. He now is available to ring bells at the Republican national convention, as he did so effectively eight years ago at Chicago, but it is doubtful that he can get the job.

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## Bender Admits Doing Good Job for Hoffa

By Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — George Bender, former Senator from Cleveland, today said he had resigned as cleanup chief of the Teamsters' union because "I have other things to do."

James Hoffa's teamster boss, \$125 a day job, from which announced without comment he was estimated to have received \$75,000 in fees and that Bender had received his expenses since the fall of 1959.

"I've done a thoroughly good job which the people there (teamsters) will testify to," Bender said.

"What have you done?" he was asked.

"The record will show what I've done."

"What record? There's never been any record available to the public."

"I'm not going into that. When I want to talk, I'll do it in my own way."

"Did you resign because Hoffa refused to follow your recommendations?"

Praises Hoffa

"I never had more wonderful cooperation than from Hoffa. That goes for everyone over there."

Are you going to run for office?"

"That I'll decide in due time. I'll have to ask Louis Seltzer first. He's the boss of Cleveland. I'll have to talk with him to find out what I can run for."

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### Bender Resigns

Former Ohio Rep. George Bender reportedly has resigned from his job as chief investigator of the Tennessee Enlon. For the honor of his memory, it would have been better if he hadn't had the experience.

Transfer Boss Hoffa hired Bender at an unmentioned price — said to be attractively large — to investigate himself. After weeks of digging, Bender and his "commission" ensconced. Hoffa was at least angelic.

It was said the myopia resulted

from the nature of the source of Bender's pay. Noble indeed would be the man who would bite very hard the hand that handed him several thousand dollars.

There was no biting. The trouble with the whole deal was, though, that Hoffa obviously hired himself a whitewash. A man who doesn't need one doesn't hire one.

Hoffa could have saved himself the dough and Bender his reputation if it all had never been.



## Bender Quits As Hoffa Aide; Foes Plan Quiz

George M. Bender, former Republican Senator from Ohio, has resigned as chairman of the "anti-racketeering commission" hired by James R. Hoffa to "clean up" the Teamsters Union.

Mr. Bender, the Associated Press reported, declined comment.

Court-appointed monitors intend to press their demand for a full report by Mr. Hoffa on what Mr. Bender has accomplished. Mr. Hoffa has answered previous requests by the monitors for information on the Bender commission.

One source said Mr. Bender resigned to clear the way for a job with the Republican National Committee. Other sources said Mr. Bender quit to run for a seat on Ohio's delegation to the Republican convention next July.

Mr. Bender has been under attack by the monitors and by the Senate Rackets Committee since he was appointed by Mr. Hoffa in August, 1955.

Chairman McClellan, Democrat of Arkansas, said in December, 1955, that the Teamsters paid Mr. Bender \$25,000 in fees and expenses for his first three-and-a-half months' work. Mr. Bender said he was donating his fees to charity.

He later announced that he had voluntarily taken a cut in his fees from \$250 to \$125 for each day he worked.

Senator McClellan's figures included \$19,250 in per diem fees and \$5,000 in expenses from August 18 to December 3, 1955.

Mr. Bender and the Teamsters have said the "anti-racketeering commission" has been inactive. But Mr. Bender has said he has conducted a clean-up campaign on his own—mainly by writing letters to Teamster leaders and to law enforcement officials asking if any racketeering was going on.

No figures have been released indicating sums paid to Mr. Bender since December 3, 1955, the last date covered by Senator McClellan's report.

In testimony before the Senate Rackets Committee, Mr. Bender indicated that he found no wrongdoing in the Teamsters.

Other members of the commission appointed by Mr. Hoffa were F. Joseph (Jiggs) Donohue, a former District Commissioner, and E. W. Jayne of Detroit, retired chief clerk of the Michigan Circuit Court. Both have said they have been inactive and have received no pay.

Germany has undoubtedly strengthened the current of nationalism in all parts of the country. And the exodus from Hungary inevitably included elements whose devotion to democracy is highly questionable.

The rightist groups are not without a kind of press. While all major West German newspapers are firmly democratic, a number of publishing houses have been heavily infiltrated by former Nazis. Besides innumerable pamphlets there are perhaps as many as a dozen ultranationalist periodicals being published regularly.

Disturbing as all this may be it adds up to very little in terms of real political power. The strength of the German nationalist movement is centered in the German Reich Party, which polled less than 1 per cent of the vote in the last general election and won not a single seat in the Bundestag. Even in the party's so-called stronghold in Lower Saxony, its strength dropped by one-half between 1954 and 1955.

Even though the German Reich Party has loudly disclaimed any responsibility for the recent outbreak of Nazi hoodlums—and fired the two members for desecrating the Cologne synagogue—there are stronger demands today for its abolition by Federal government authorities. Similar demands are being made for tighter control of student groups and nationalist organizations, and a number already have been formally suppressed.

This tougher attitude by authorities is being urged as one of the means to end the long disorder by many critics of Hitler's regime. Along with the expected passage of a new law against incitement of religious and racial hatred, the banning of the Reich Party is widely favored as a method of dealing with such disorders.

Some, however, are not so sure. Many members of the German Jewish community are opposed to legislation which tends to set them off from the rest of society as a special target. And those who hold that the final eradication of anti-Semitism in Germany is a long-term educational process doubt the effectiveness of repressive measures which will, they fear, merely hide the symptoms without curing the illness.

Above all there is the argument that this long-ago from the Nazis is completely out of keeping with the spirit and temper of the overwhelming majority of the German people today—and that this fact in itself is the best guarantee against its long survival.

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## Resignation of Bender Is Confirmed by Hoffa

James R. Hoffa, Teamsters' Union president, confirmed in Washington yesterday that for-mer N.S. Sen. George H. Bender of Ohio had resigned as the union's parity chairman.

In telling this to the Associated Press a Teamsters spokesman said Hoffa would have no further comment.

Bender had no comment either.

But there was speculation that Bender resigned from the controversial union post in order to attract less criticism as he ran in Ohio as a delegate to the Republican national convention, as he said he would.

Drive \$230  
Daily Wage

Bender was hired Aug. 23, 1958, as head of a cleanup commission after word got around that perhaps there were rackets as in the Teamsters. His fee then was \$250 for each day he worked.

He later said he took a 50% pay cut and he had given most of his fee to charity.

Bender was held of a commission of three to investigate the union at the "Mammoth" he best, but only he did much work.

The Bender Commission has

Bender denied this, but nothing was proved either way he was made public.

Just how warmly he will be received by Ohio Republicans in his campaign for an unpaid job as delegate to the national convention is something that only time will tell.

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**Bender Out  
Of Teamster  
Clean-Up**

Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 —  
Former U. S. Senator George  
A. Bender, Ohio Republican,  
has resigned as the last of the  
three-member anti-racketeer  
commission appointed by  
the Teamsters Union. It was re-  
ported Saturday.

The three-man commission  
that was to have cleaned up  
the 1,500,000-member union  
was appointed in August, 1956,  
by Teamster President Hoffa.

Two of the commission mem-  
bers — retired Wayne County  
Circuit Judge Ira W. Jayne  
and Washington Attorney F.  
Joseph Donahue — were dropped  
in December, 1957, leaving  
Bender the sole member.

HOFFA WAS OUT of town  
Saturday, but it was reported  
Bender's resignation was on the  
union chieftains' desk awaiting  
his return.

The anti-racketeering com-  
mission, which was to have  
washed alleged corruptive in-  
fluences in the union, has pro-  
duced nothing so far as the  
public is concerned.

Bender, under fire from  
many quarters ever since ap-  
pointment to the commission,  
had reportedly maintained that  
he would resign soon. He  
said if he had been hired merely  
to do "a whitewash job."

THE FORMER senator  
started out with a salary of  
\$250 a day, but last summer  
his fee was cut to \$125 a day.

In December, 1957, Bender  
announced that all the Team-  
ster pay he had received up to  
that time — about \$100,000 — was  
being turned over to various  
charities.

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### George Bender, Teamster Job, Part Company

By Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Former Sen. George H. Bender and his lucrative job as chairman of Teamster chief James R. Hoffa's anti-racketeering commission have been separated, it was reported today.

It was not immediately known whether Bender quit or was fired from his \$125-a-day union cleanup job.

In November it was reported that Bender was about to be fired and Hoffa's hand-picked cleanup commission dissolved. In June it became known that Bender's pay had been cut in half from its original \$250-a-day figure.

Bender at that time said that under a new arrangement he was working "as an individual accepting assignments." Testimony before the Senate Rackets Committee in June showed he had been paid a total of \$58,836 since Aug. 18, 1958.

Of this, \$37,125 was for salary and the balance for expenses.

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# BENDER IS SAID TO CUT HOFFA TIES

Reported to Have  
Quit Teamster  
Cleanup Job

WASHINGTON—Former U. S. Sen. George H. Bender of Cleveland has resigned as chairman of the Teamsters' anti-racketeering commission. It was reported here last night.

Bender declined to confirm or deny reports that he has left, or is about to leave, the highly paid post with the scandal-ridden but powerful union of some 1,500,000 members.

James H. Hoffa, union president, who has been under fire ever since he was elevated to the top spot two years ago, was said to be out of town.

There was one report that Bender's resignation was an Hoffa's deed, sweetening his return.

Bender, too, has been under constant heat ever since he was named Aug. 23, 1958, to direct an investigation of charges that gangster influence dominated the union.

## Dances "Whitewash"

The Cleveland Republican, however, has repeatedly maintained from the day he took over as chairman of the commission that if he had been hired to do "a whitewash job," he would not have consented.

Commissioners named with Bender in August, 1958, were F. Joseph Donahue, former president of the board of commissioners of the District of Columbia and former special prosecutor for the Justice Department, and J. W. Jayne, retired chief judge of the Circuit Court of Michigan and professor of law at Wayne University.

Donahue and Jayne attended a few meetings, but they have taken little or no part in the investigation carried on by Bender.

The former negotiator at first received a salary of \$250 a day, when working. But it was understood that about six months ago he agreed that his pay be cut to \$125 a day.

On Dec. 30, 1958, Bender announced that from the pay he had received up to that time from the Teamsters he was contributing about \$15,000 to various charities. Most of it went to institutions in Cleveland or elsewhere in Ohio.

Hoffa decided on the Bender resignation in 1958 after he and his mighty union had been severely chastised by the Senate racket investigating committee.

## Many "Took Fifth"

The committee, headed by Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark), had turned up extensive information about criminal records of Teamster officials. Most of these "took the Fifth Amendment" against self-incrimination when questioned under oath by the committee.

In announcing formation of the commission, Hoffa said at the time that it was specifically charged with investigating and advising the union leadership on:

- a Infiltration of racketeers or gangsters into local or international union office.
- a Any alliance with racketeers or gangsters at any level of the international union or its subordinate bodies.

In accepting the commission chairmanship, Bender said that "Everybody—every person in the Teamsters Union from janitor to the president—will be subject to our investigation."

Reports made to Hoffa by Bender on the progress of his investigation were never made public.



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## Bender Loses Teamster Job

WASHINGTON: Former Sen. George H. Bender and his lucrative job as chairman of the House subcommittee on anti-racketeering commission have been separated, it was reported.

It was not immediately known whether Bender quit or was fired from his \$125-a-day union cleanup job.

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## Bender Mum on Reports He Quit Anti-Rackets Job for Teamsters

Former U. S. Sen. George H. Bender declined comment today on a published report that he has resigned as chairman of the anti-racketeering commission of Jimmy Hoffa's Teamsters' Union.

A report in Washington says that Bender has either resigned or his resignation is on Hoffa's desk. Hoffa was not in Washington to comment.

The former Ohio senator took the post in August, 1958, and has maintained that he never would have accepted the job if it meant a

Robert L. F. Kehoe, News Political Writer, discloses in his weekly column on the editorial page that Bender has been rejected as a delegate to the Republican National Convention because of his ties with the Teamsters Union.

"whitewash" of the troubled 1,500,000-member union.

Hoffa and the Teamsters have been under investigation by U. S.

Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark) and his committee.

Bender's salary when he took the job to investigate the union at the union's request was \$250 per day. Bender said he was contributing about \$15,000 to charities from his Teamster income. It was reported that he asked six months ago that his salary be halved.

The senator's reports to Hoffa on the investigation have never been made public.

EDWIN A. YORPE, director of photography for the PLAIN DEALER took a staff of sixteen photo winning photo-raphers.

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Views on the News

## Dan Kidney



Mr. Kidney

WARNING—The Republican National Committee is putting out "World of Tomorrow" pamphlets—they have red, white and blue covers to attract the old guard.

EDDIE WILSON didn't think fixing TV quiz shows was funny—told the Harris Committee he was an unemployed comedian.

FORMER U. S. Sen. George E. Brown (R. O.), who was for Lincoln, may go back in business for himself—run for Congress.

THE ARMY demonstrated 50 new weapons at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds—all are budget-busters.

TWO WAITRESSES in San Francisco discovered they were married to the same man—but neither knew where he was.

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## Bender, Hoffa Aide, Wants To Buy Nats

Special To The Beacon Journal  
WASHINGTON — Former Ohio Senator George H. Bender, now on the pay roll of James Hoffa's Teamsters Union, is trying to buy the Washington American League baseball team.

He made the announcement here today after new reports that negotiations are under way to move the team to Minneapolis.

Bender is reported ready with an offer that could go as high as \$7,000,000.

"That depends upon an appraisal of the team," he said.

BENDER said that he represents "business people" in his purchase offer. He refused to identify the individuals but said they were not from Cleveland or from Washington.

Neither are they labor unions or union leaders, he said.

# BENDER SEEKS TO BUY NATS

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Neither are they labor unions or union leaders, he said.

"This is the second time that these people approached me," said Bender. "Two years ago the same business people told me they wanted to buy the team. They were people that I represented and still represent."

"I went to the banks two years ago and to Calvin Griffith and to Gabriel Murphy. (Murphy holds 35% of the ball club stock.) Griffith is majority stockholder. Nothing developed at that time."

"The people came to me again last week and told me they were still interested."

Bender said the prospective purchasers wanted to keep the Nats in Washington. The Clevelanders said he was convinced that the Washington fans will support a ball club.

"I intend to get in touch with Griffith again this week," he said.

Bender said he himself would not be an officer of

the club if the business interests he represents are successful in the purchase offer.

"But I expect to make some money if the deal goes through," he added. "I will be acting as the agent. None of my money will be included in the deal."

Bender expressed criticism of the payroll policies of Griffith.

"The only things that breathe and are not on the ball club payroll are cats and dogs," he said.

Murphy recently filed suit in the United States Supreme Court asking that Griffith be restrained from moving the ball club from Washington.

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#### 'Twould Be the Last Straw!

Word that ex-Congressman George H. Bender is attempting to buy the Washington Senators baseball club for a group of "business people" leaves us mighty puzzled. We would be considerably more apprehensive if we considered the report substantial.

Mr. Bender, who is currently on the payroll of James Hoffa's Teamsters' Union, is reported to have announced in Washington that the would-be purchasers were neither labor unions nor union leaders.

If the deal should be consummated, we hope Mr. Bender has not been misled. He couldn't find anything wrong with the Teamsters, and the industry either a too-trusting nature or a bad case of amnesia.

All this country needs to complete the dizzy cycle is to have an American League baseball team fielded by the Teamsters Union—and Jimmy Hoffa!

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## Bender's Teamster Job Nearing End

By ROBERT CRATER  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Former Sen. George F. Bender's lucrative job as chairman of Teamster Chief James R. Hoffa's board of monitors, which has been marked for extinction.

Citizen-Journal today as the three-man board of monitors. Hoffa's board of monitors, which has been marked for extinction.

**MONITOR CHAIRMAN**  
Martin F. O'Donoghue has called the Bender commission "a transparent fraud" and termed its spending "smashing." Since neither of the two other members of the Bender group have been paid anything, the outpouring of cash has been to the O'Donoghue. McClellan Committee probes reported this total at \$58,000 through July 9. This did not include "another bill" Bender told the committee he was about to send to the Teamsters.

**MEANWHILE** the court-appointed watchdog group charged with cleaning up the giant Teamster Union won an important legal victory in its fight to oust Union President Hoffa.

As Hoffa glared his displeasure, Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letta granted the watchdog group request for

broad powers to investigate Hoffa's handling of funds of Detroit Teamster Local 299, his home local.

Letta specifically authorized the board of monitors to subpoena witnesses and take sworn statements. This is a prelude to a full-dress court trial of Hoffa on charges of violating the Letta court order that allowed him to assume teamster presidency in January, 1958.



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## Bender Does 'Police' Job For Teamsters

Former Senator George H. Bender of Ohio said here last night that his job as chairman of the Teamsters' Union anti-racketeering commission cannot be affected by the court-appointed monitors over the union.

Bender was commenting on a story last appeared yesterday in the Washington Daily News and which said the monitors may force extinction of the three-man committee he heads.

"I've up to the Teamsters to determine my status with them and no one else," Bender said. He said the union makes a two-year contract with him and that his post has nothing to do with the monitors or courts.

"I have no ties with the union. My job is to police the union, which I have been doing, and make recommendations."

"I have had wonderful cooperation from the union; they are correcting situations I have called to their attention."

## HONEST JOB

He said that during the past year "the union has been doing a more honest job than any other group of 1,600,000 people you can find" but admitted some dishonest people can be found in any organization of that size.

He said he is paid by the union for the days he works, but otherwise is not paid.

Last year he said that he gave all the money he got from the union to charity but "what I do with it this year is my own business."

He said he wouldn't profit from it, however, and that his post as chairman of the union's anti-racketeering commission was just an accidental thing to his other interests.

He said he is president of an insurance company and has other business interests.

He said that Monitor Chairman Martin F. O'Donoghue's statement on his commission, as quoted by the Washington Daily News, was made in 1958.

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#### Quote of the Day

It reminds me of a church office. There is no gambling, no liquor drinking of any kind going on there. It is run very efficiently. — Former Sen. George Bender of Ohio, now anti-corruption "cleanup man" for the Teamsters Union, describing the union's headquarters at Washington.

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#### Bender's Hideaway

Everybody needs a citadel of sorts, a quiet place to get away from it all and think a thought, and in busy, gabby Washington that goes double. It is therefore easy to appreciate at what sacrifice George Bender relinquishes his private study room in the Library of Congress.

There was, of course, some question of whether he was entitled to it. Bender's unique and well-paid services to the high courts or ~~legislative~~ ~~senate~~ ~~assembly~~ ~~have~~ ~~perhaps~~ kept him too busy for work on the two books he professed to be researching in free office space only a hallway from the halls of Congress. Besides, Ohio voters thought they had stripped Bender of public trough perquisites back in 1954 when they sent Frank Lausche to the Senate in his stead.

Still the gesture has a touching quality of self-denial in a man so dangerously exposed to Hoffa's radioactive code of ethics. If it robs statescraft of learned and literary guidance from a colorful public figure with much to tell, that would be a shame.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

## Bender's Excuse Is Not Very Convincing

(Chicago Tribune)

George Bender, appointed last August by teamsters' union president James Hoffa to head an anti-racketeering committee, has just offered the immediate racket committee one of the strongest excuses ever. He said that Hoffa does not oust gangster officials from his union because he needs their votes when he next runs for re-election.

This is strange on two counts — plausibility and morality.

Surely Bender cannot expect many to accept the idea that Hoffa has lost his arrogant self-confidence. The boss daydreams about a reconstruction monopoly with himself at the controls, he is not having nightmares about losing his teamsters union presidency. Though, as our reporters have noted, numerous union members have few illusions about their president, teamsters' conventions are and exercises in pure democracy. By shrewd use of appointments and appointments, trustships and terror, even unpopular union officials can be re-elected. If Hoffa (who is unchallenged by the courts and Congress) fears the delegates, he they racketeers or otherwise, we would be much surprised.

And even at the late date it is startling to hear a former Congressman and Senator, with a reputation for conspicuous piety, offer any excuse so blatantly immoral as the one Bender offered for Hoffa's inaction against gangster officers of the teamsters union. Still, Bender has gone far to prepare the public for his latest attempted service to Hoffa. He was once chairman of a House subcommittee investigating (and uncovering) racketeering in the teamsters union. Now, only a few years later, he turns up as an employee of that same union.

In 1955, Bender presented to the House

a report which stated "there have been instances of intimidation, extortion, income tax violations, ~~and other illegal practices~~ among Ohio teamsters officials. In 1954, Bender accepted appointment by Hoffa as head of a so-called 'anti-racketeering commission.' A few months later, it was reported that Bender had told Hoffa that the teamsters union was free of corruption. Now, confronted with mounting public evidence of wrong-doing in the teamsters union, Bender says that Hoffa is too afraid of the bad boys' votes to move against them. What will he say next?"

Whatever it is, no one will attach much weight to it.



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### Bender the Great Researcher

Former Senator Bender is a versatile man. Besides being a \$125 a day anti-corruption sleuth for the teamsters' union—an office based on the questionable premise that the fox would hire the hounds—Bender is also a historian and researcher.

It seems that he is allowed free office space in the library of congress. When he use it as the base of research for the teamsters? Not at all, Bender says indignantly. In fact, he hasn't used the room for himself in perhaps three years. He lets students at local colleges work there. But he is going to use the room—when he isn't busy—for research on two books he has in mind. One is "a book on legislation, legislative experience, and illumination on how things are done." The other is to be on the Munich conference.

Well, Bender is undoubtedly an authority on how things are done. But is he an authority on Munich? A reporter asked him when the Munich conference was held. And Bender said: "I'm not sure. It was just before World War II. I'm doing considerable research on it."

Well, we'll give him considerable respect a hand. Bender won't have to research on when the conference was held. It was in September of 1938. It had to do with a sellout. The teamsters' union knows about sellouts. Maybe learning about Hitler's tactics will help Bender understand his boss, Hoffa, better.

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# Shepherd Hoffa Just Seeks Lost Sheep

FORMER Senator George Bender of Ohio, who was employed by James R. Hoffa on-venitely to conduct an investiga- tion into Teamster Union cor- ruption, told Senate probers the union office "reminds me of a chinch office."

The public may yet hear that those hoodlums on the Teamster payroll are fellows shepherds. Jimmy is trying to reform.

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CAPITAL REPORT: JUST? BALLYHOO

## Hoffa Self-Probe A Hoax!

By FULTON LEWIS JR.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The much-ballyhoed "anti-racketeering commission" that Teamster Czar Jimmy Hoffa set up eight months ago "to police and investigate" his racket-ridden union is a cruel hoax played upon nearly two million union members.

It is evident that the project is nothing more than a smoke-screen behind which all the old Teamster practices can continue.

The chairman of Mr. Hoffa's hand-picked commission is Ohio ex-Senator George Bender, and although there are two other commission members they are little more than ornaments. Bender is supposed to be directing the sweeping investigation into Teamster corruption from his Washington offices, but there is little evidence of activity or accomplishment. And he does not like managers of the news butting into his "private business," either.

HE WAS QUITE annoyed the other day when William Schulz, a member of my staff, interviewed him by phone. He says Mr. Schulz is tongue-lashing him fact for asking about a matter that has been public knowledge since last August.

Q. Mr. Bender, are you still receiving the same salary of \$250 a day for your investigation?

A. That, my friend, is something that I could never have the decency to ask you. I couldn't conceive of asking you what you make from your employer,

and this is a matter of my personal business, and the Teamsters Union, and is no business of yours.

Q. How are your investigations proceeding?

A. That is something I report directly to the Teamsters and I have nothing to tell you.

Q. Are you planning any progress reports to the membership?

A. Again, that is a matter between myself and the Executive Council, and I can't tell you anything.

Q. Are you working with any kind of staff in your investigation?

A. All these are matters of concern to the Executive Council and myself. I have nothing to tell you.

Q. Are you working with any kind of staff full time?

A. All I'll tell you is that I am devoting whatever time I think necessary to the job.

A phone call to Jimmy Hoffa in Los Angeles didn't clear up the situation, either. The Teamster boss told my office:

"We haven't released no reports and I have no idea when we will."

ALTHOUGH PLEADING ignorance about virtually all aspects of the Bender investigation, Hoffa inadvertently shed some real light on the operation. While Bender refused to give any information about his "staff," which was originally billed as a corps of trained investigators, the Teamster boss put it in some perspective.

He explained that Bender "has no staff except some." Freely translated, this means that Bender has no investigating personnel at all, and his "commission staff" consists of a couple of female clerical workers.

An analysis of Bender's thirties indignation when asked about his salary, Hoffa freely admitted that he was continuing to receive the "nominal fee" of \$250 a day—paid out of union dues, of course. This isn't quite as bad as it sounds, Hoffa hinted, because Bender "don't work every day for us."



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## POTOMAC PATTERN

At a Democratic party the other night a reporter was trying to get former Secretary of State Dean Acheson interested in running for public office.

"How about the Senate?" the newsmen suggested.

"No thank you," said Mr. Acheson. "I can think of nothing more futile than being locked up in that talkathon. Personally, I like to run things."

Note: Mr. Acheson had his troubles with the Senate when he was Secretary of State, maybe the wounds still smart.

### Good Response

Yesterday Rep. William B. Widnell (R., N. J.) introduced a bill to permit the use of Social Security records to trace runaway fathers. This brought Rep. Widnell a flood of responses, including the following telegram from a man in Memphis:

"Words fail me when I try to express contempt for your bill to use Social Security records to track down runaway fathers. In all probability you have lived a cloistered life and have never experienced the delightful torture of a husband in a bedroom scene dominated by a spiteful and vicious wife. I hope your political nose gets sickened to the bone."

Rep. Widnell replied, to wit:

"If everyone disclosed his address as you have done, then there would be no need for this legislation."

### 'Ready for Harvard'

Among the 1960 campaign gimmicks being considered by the Republican National Committee is an offer by a rich contributor to finance the printing of a few million cards reading: "Jack Kennedy for President of Harvard."

### Wage Scale Grips

Some New York Congressmen are threatening to gang up on Mr. Rippe-Howard's Vance Trimble, who has been exposing corruption on the Hill. They're particularly annoyed at Mr. Trimble's disclosure that Rep. Charles Buckley (D., N. Y.) has a bunch of political cronies working in his district. But their gripe is not at the disclosure as such—they're miffed because Mr. Trimble published Buckley's wage scale, and it shows Mr. Buckley is paying his help more than his colleagues pay theirs.

### One Office Room?

Former Sen. George M. Bander, Ohio Republican, says Congressmen should be limited to one office room each "so that everyone could see what's come on and what's on the payroll." This, he says, would discourage the hiring of relatives for sinecure-type jobs.

Mr. Bander is doing all right himself, of course. He gets \$250 per day as chairman of the Teamsters' Union Anti-Racketeers Committee—which was appointed by Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa. The committee has had only one meeting, its organization session, and has filed no reports yet.



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## Stag Dinner Features Rhubarb

From the Tribune's Wash-  
ington bureau

WASHINGTON.

AT A STAG dinner here,  
where prominent labor  
leaders were introduced,

former Sen.

George H.

Bender (R.

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marked the

absence of

Jimmy Hol-

ly, boss of

the Team-

sters. Ben-

der, who

has been on

the Teamster payroll as a

corrupt agent, told his

dinner partners that Hol-

ly was the most aggressive

and capable labor leader of

them all. Dan A. Kimball,

industrialist, former sec-

retary of the navy and hus-

band of Columnist Doris

Pease, upbraided Bender

for his alliance with a cor-

rupt union boss. Bender

yakked back. The dispute

waxed hot and heavy.

SLIP SHOWING: Vice

President Richard M. Nix-

on, who may be opposed

by New York's Gov. Nel-

son Rockefeller for the

Republican nomination, got

a big laugh the other

night. He was talking

about a gentleman from

New Orleans, but inad-

vertently said "New York" in-

stead of New Orleans. "I

must have New York on

my mind these days," he

said to the delight of his

auditors.

WHO DAT?: A promi-

nent Alabama Democrat,

asked whom his state

would favor for the Demo-

cratic presidential nomi-

nation, replied: "Well, we'll



Bender

be for Lyndon Johnson if

he runs. If not, I guess

we'll be for the Mophead."

And who, he was asked, is

the Mophead? Sen. John F.

Kennedy of Massachusetts,

he replied. Kennedy is

bleased with a thick and

unruly thatch of brown

hair. The nickname of

"Mophead," used affec-

tionately by the Alabaman,

may catch on with other

Democrats.

HAUNTED: California's

Gov. Pat Brown, who gave

a brilliantly funny speech

at the Gridiron club dinner

Saturday, feels he got a

burn rap because the story

got around that Doris

Schary, the movie pro-

ducer and playwright, had

ghosted the speech for

him. Brown told friends

it wasn't so—that Schary

submitted a speech but

Brown didn't like it, threw

it away and put his own

crew of writers and staff

assistants to work on an

entirely new one.

FEUDIN': Michael J.

Kirwan, Ohio Democrat

and chairman of the house

Democratic campaign com-

mittee, is a man who be-

lieves a feud is a splendid

thing, to be cherished and

nourished. For almost 10

years he has been on the

outs with Sen. Frank J.

Lausche (D., Ohio). At

the Gridiron dinner here,

Kirwan saw the seating

chart, found he was seated

next to Lausche. He

sought out a friend and ex-

changed places with him.

The friend had a great

time talking to Lausche—

about other things than

Kirwan.

WET BLANKET: L. A.

DuBridge, president of

California Institute of Tech-

nology, can fairly be ac-

cused of trying to inject

common sense into the

space race, which is a vi-

olation of the rules. Du-

Bridge said here that if

you're yearning for the

wide open spaces of the

moon, why don't you move

to Texas or the Mojave des-

ert or Death Valley, all of-

fering ample elbow room.

You may have trouble find-

ing food and water in such

spots, he said, but not as

much trouble as you'd

have finding air on the

moon.

SAVED! Congress hasn't

done much, yet about the

really big issues, such as

scholarship the national flow-

er, but you'll be glad to

know that the crisis has

been averted. Sen. Thom-

as Kuchel (R., Calif.), the

minority leader, has forced

the navy to declare public-

ly that it will continue to

name most of its subma-

ries after fish. Kuchel

got worried, naturally,

when Polaris subs were

named after great men, but

after looking into the prob-

lem, reported he had "been

assured the navy will con-

tinue using the names of

fish and sea creatures for

a large group of subma-

ries."

HIGH SOCIETY: The

gala who flock to the em-

bassy parties here are mak-

ing a big thing these days

of popping champagne

corks from the bartenders.

Seems they make wonder-

ful hair curlers . . . Zsa

Zsa Gabor, attending a

press club party, was asked

her opinion of the U.S. sen-

ate. "What would I think

of them?" she said. "They

are men, aren't they? All

but one."

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At Gridiron Dinner  
**Kimball And Bender  
In Row Over Hoffa**  
Beacon Journal Special Writer  
WASHINGTON—The famed Gridiron Club dinner here recently had an outstanding program but it had stills competition, thanks to Sen. Bender of Ohio.  
Featured in the "second show" was an argument between Bender and Dan Kimball, former Secretary of the Navy, over James Hoffa, chief of the International Teamsters Union. Kimball is a vice president of the General Tire & Rubber Co. and President of Aerojet-General.  
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THE WORD duel attracted the attention of guests at nearby tables. An innocent to his companion was Ohio Sen. Lausche who today refused to comment on the matter.  
But others who heard gave this blow-by-blow account:  
After John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, and AFL-CIO chief George Meany had been introduced as honored guests of the newspapermen, Bender declared loudly to his table companions that it was a shame Hoffa hadn't been invited.  
Kimball's reaction was quick. He was blunt in his appraisal of Hoffa. He also said he felt the same way about anyone who worked for him. Bender took umbrage. He is chairman of the Hoffa-created anti-racketeering committee.  
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BENDER then charged that Kimball had been a lousy Secretary of the Navy because he had tried to have the Marine Corps abolished. Kimball backed oned to a Marine officer guest seated nearby. When he arrived, Kimball asked him whether this was true.  
The officer said it was not—that Kimball had tried unsuccessfully to have the corps expanded.  
The verbal nipping went on intermittently throughout the evening's festivities.  
An entranced onlooker claimed the two men shook hands upon leaving. But this, as they say in official Washington circles, could not be confirmed.

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## 'I'm Staying'—Oscar .... Al Schottelkotte's

### Talk Of The Town



**EASTERN SPORTS-** WRITER When there has an assignment to do a future Saturday Evening Post story on Oscar Robertson. When UC was in Philadelphia for the Temple game, Groat was on hand. "Look, if you're not going to be in school next year, I don't want to be wasting all the time with you." Answered Robertson: "I'll be there."

**THE STORIES** out of the Senate Records Committee in Washington about the jobs box were in Ohio didn't mention any Cincinnati angles. But our town had its share of jobs box trouble involving some of the main people mentioned in Washington.

Ohio Treasurer Lee William Frazier, of Cleveland, James Hoffa's chief lieutenant in Ohio and a principal in the muscle box fight in Ohio, sent his agents here in the 1940s. Chief of these was the late Alfred (Rube) Salamo. There were a couple of ~~hush-hush~~ attempts were made to force taverns and other outlets around Cincinnati to display

the "right" machines. After trying, unsuccessfully, to pin the bombings on Salamo, police warned juke box people to "make peace or else." The open warfare abated, but it was a long

time before the behind-the-scenes struggle eased up.

**WORSHIPERS** crowded into St. Agnes Church, in Lookout Heights, for a Lenten devotion. The other night were startled when the strident sound of a burglar alarm erupted about them. Someone had neglected before services to trip the alarm connected with the tabernacle, and it went off when the Rev. Raymond Helke opened the door.

Many Catholic churches, these days, protect the tabernacle with a burglar alarm, because it is the depository for the Holy Eucharist.

**DO YOU KNOW...** that the daytime population of Hamilton County is approximately 108,000, against a resident population of 824,000? The influx of workers each day from surrounding areas raises the figure that much, according to a new survey completed by the Civil Defense office.

**WHEN JOHN WIEHE** first became Democratic chairman in Hamilton County, he commented that the party would carry out its mission "in the open"—implying that the opposition didn't and, therefore, should be suspect. Even the organization meeting of the Democratic

Central Committee was held in "open convention" at Mack Hall, and television coverage was solicited. Now there's change.

Grown men, these days, are made to take "oathery oaths" at Democratic meetings. They were so afraid the walls might have ears at a leaked door session the other night that they didn't announce the result of a vote, but wrote it on a piece of paper and passed it around.

Of course, before they got home, the happenings of the hush-hush meeting were being written and broadcast by reporters.

**SOMETHING FOR THE** Town To Talk About: The crack by ABC's Paul Harvey that a Chicago radio station is considering a program in which an automobile would tour the city broadcasting helicopter conditions. How about that, Lieutenant Mahoney? ... The way Green Township is starting to look like Fidel Castro territory. Records spreading all over the place for the township's non-statement about this summer... The remark of former Ohio Sen. George Bender that President Eisenhower "agreed with too many rich men." What do you suggest, George—that he join you in James Hoffa's hoodie?



# Teamsters Probe 42 Locals Here

## Commission Chief Blasts Adamowski as Unco-operative

BY ROBERT M. LEWIN

The Teamsters anti-racketeering commission, appointed to probe corruption in the union, is investigating all 42 locals in Chicago Joint Council No. 25.

The commission chairman, George H. Bender of Washington, former Republican senator and congressman from Ohio, said that Monday.

At the same time, he blasted States Attorney Benjamin Adamowski, also a Republican, as being "most unco-operative with the commission."

BENDER said he had written Adamowski in October for information about corruption, arrests, indictments and convictions of Chicago area teamsters.

Bender added that he had sent similar letters to some 4,500 law enforcement officials throughout the country.

But Adamowski gave him absolutely no information, according to Bender.

"The record shows that there hasn't been a single conviction in Chicago in a labor case since Adamowski has been state attorney," he said.

As to the number of prosecutions, indictments or activity in labor cases in Adamowski's office, you can count them on the fingers of one hand — and still have a few fingers remaining."

BENDER said that since Adamowski has refused to cooperate, Bender has had to get his information elsewhere.

He added that he spent a day in Chicago early in December digging into the record. He also has consulted with other officials, lawyers and other agencies, he said.

ADAMOWSKI countered: "I'd be most afraid to permit Bender to count the fingers on my hand for fear I'd have none left when he got through trying to count them."

Adamowski charged that Bender's actions, including the anti-racketeering commission authorized by Teamster President James R. Hoffa and the union's executive board, is "strictly a smoke screen."

Adamowski said that he had sent copies of the letters exchanged between Bender and himself, to Sen. McClellan (D., Ark.), chairman of the Senate racketeering investigating committee.

Adamowski said McClellan had replied, describing Bender's activity only as sending letters and using the answers of "evidence" of the so-called "great work" the Teamster commission is doing.

JOINT Council No. 25 represents some 140,000 Teamsters.

Five officials of Local 705, Truck Oil Drivers, Filling Station Employees & Platform Workers, a Teamster affiliate, have been indicted on charges of conspiring to boycott and injure the business of a gasoline station operator.

Local 785 indicted the slaying of Carl Eckhardt, 3944 Lincoln, Marion Grove, for three years—until the county grand jury voted the indictments last Aug. 15. The trials are pending.

An indictment charge against James G. Cross, president of the Bakery & Confectionery Workers International Union, was dismissed.

Similar charges against George Stuart, resigned vice-president of the international union and former trustee of Chicago Local 1, and Anthony J. Conforti, Local 1 president, are pending.

Cross union was expelled from the AFL-CIO on corruption charges.

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# Washington Scene . . . By George Dixon

## Bender's Investigation of Teamsters

ANTONE ignorant enough to imply that former Sen. George H. Bender may not be earning the \$2000 a day he receives for performing the Teamsters Union just isn't keeping abreast of the great Bender investigation. The cash-and-carry "prober" has even gone to the length of trying to



Bender

establish a pen palship with the State's Attorney of Cook County, Ill., who is a Democrat converted to Republicanism. The former-GOP Bender, a pioneer in the field of investigating by mail, wrote to State's Attorney Benjamin S. Adamowski to ask who her he knew of any Teamster improprieties in Chicago. In light of the exposure of the McClellan Committee, this seems akin to asking the if he knows of any Republicans in the Administration. I have the correspondence before me, and I hope you will agree with me that it verges on the remarkable. Bender spread it by writing (rather superfluously, I should think, for anyone who reads the newspapers) that he had been retained by Teamster President James R. Hoffa to head so "Anti-Racketeering Commission" to "investigate the Teamsters Union. Bender added: "The Commission has been

given a free hand in this assignment. I assure you that it is no whitewash commission." However this may have struck him, State's Attorney Adamowski carefully confined himself to this purely routine acknowledgment: "Dear Mr. Bender: I am in receipt of your letter in which you outline the manner in which the Anti-Racketeering Commission of which you are chairman, was created. I have carefully noted all that you say and thank you for writing me."

MANY WOULD have looked upon this as a blow-off, but Bender came right back with this billet-doux: "Dear Mr. Adamowski: Thank you for your kind letter in response to mine. We are sincerely appreciative of the fine spirit of cooperation which you have demonstrated in responding to our request for information and most gratified to know that you have some of the problems discussed in our letter of inquiry." Bender may have been gratified to assume that the Cook County Prosecutor knew of the Teamster improprieties in Chicago, although everyone else did, but how long his gratification continued should be open to question, because Adamowski snapped right back: "Dear Sir: How any fair-minded person could reach the conclusion you did concerning my letter to you in reply to your communication is beyond comprehension.

"Please be advised that I resent completely the interpretation which you place on a mere courtesy extended by me in acknowledging your letter, especially in view of the fact that my first inclination had been to completely ignore your letter. "In order that the record will conform to the facts, I would suggest a second perusal of my letter, as I am confident it, in no way, contains that which you so unfairly incorporate in your communication."

ADAMOWSKI was so boiled, he forwarded the correspondence to Senator McClellan, together with this covering letter: "Dear Mr. Chairman: It occurred to me, as a result of your comments in connection with the \$24,500 payment made by Mr. Hoffa of the Teamsters Union to former United States Sen. George Bender, from the State of Ohio, you might be interested in the exchange of correspondence which passed between me and Mr. Bender in connection with his appointment by Mr. Hoffa for the purpose set forth in his original communication to me. "I think you will agree that the comments contained in my communication, which comments on his letter to me, fully warrant the observations in the letter I wrote to him." McClellan agreed. (Copyright 1958, King Features Syndicate Inc.)

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#### Strange Performance

There is something very strange about the arrangements between George Bender, former Ohio senator, and James R. Hoffa, who named Bender chairman of an anti-racketeering commission serving the Teamsters union Hoffa heads.

Several months ago three monitors were named by a federal judge to have supervision over the conduct of the union under Hoffa's direction.

Hoffa was permitted to remain in union offices despite the findings by the court of operations by Hoffa which were irregular and in defiance of investigative procedures by a committee of the congress.

Hoffa named his own commission to clean up his union even though court-appointed monitors are responsible to the court for the behavior of the union.

Now Bender, disturbed by criticism of his part in the recent counter-attacks, has announced he will give \$15,000 of his \$11.10 in fees thus far received, to charity.

Bender's first report to the union contained no evidence of corruption. Many followers of the doings of the Teamsters are not surprised. It would indeed have been a landmark to find Hoffa's handpicked anti-racketeering commission with-  
in the union.

Bender's choice by Hoffa was accompanied by the information that Hoffa and Bender were friends. Bender's role with the Teamsters is so less interesting because he has promised to distribute much of his known fees to aid charity.

**Mr. Oscar Manning**—1140  
E. N. Street, Shreveport, Louisiana \$1000  
Church of Independence, Ohio  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Chicago  
The Angel St. Mary Episcopal Church  
Union Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Chas-  
tanooga, Tenn.  
The First and Central Baptist Church, New  
Orleans, La.  
**Falls Volunteer Fire Dept.**—\$300  
Also Holy Rosary Catholic Church,  
University of Dayton and Church of the  
Saviour, \$1000 each  
St. John's Church, \$1000; NAACP,  
New Orleans, La.  
New England Branch, Lakewood, Wash.  
Foundation, St. Joseph, Mo.  
St. Wilberforce Episcopal Federation  
Church of Charlie Pitts, Valley Lathrop  
Church, Seattle, Wash.  
First Congregational-Pretestarian Church,  
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## BENDER TO GIVE FUNDS TO HOMES

Masonic And Pythian Lodges And Wilberforce University To Benefit

Two fraternal homes in Springfield and an area university are to benefit as the result of \$200,000 cash through a decision of former Senator George M. Bender to give away \$15,000 of the money he received from the Teamsters Union on investigation.

Bender, leaving "graceless intentions" against him, announced in Washington Tuesday that he was giving to charity part of the funds he received from the union. All organizations designated to receive gifts of from \$500 to \$1,500 are in Ohio.

The local institutions are the Big Masonic home and the Ohio Home, Wilberforce University also is to receive \$500. Bender announced that the contributions from the Teamsters are in addition to his regular charities.

Bender said the rest of the money is to be used to pay income taxes due on the whole amount, he said half of the payments to charity are being made this year and the rest in 1938.

A former Republican senator from Ohio, Bender listed the contributions as going to various religious, civil, and educational groups and institutions in that state.

Bender receives a \$250-a-day fee from the union as chairman of an Anti-Racketeering Commission created by Teamsters President James R. Hoffa after the Senate Rackets Committee said that they have gained a big victory in the union.

Bender's first report to the union, he found no corruption. The Rackets committee raised a question as to whether the fees being paid to Bender are a waste of union funds.

In a tartly worded statement, Bender said he did not believe in financial affairs are any of the public's business but that he was giving the accounting anyway. He said:

"Although I have always believed — mistakenly, it now appears — that a man's charities

are his own business and perhaps that of the tax collector, the distribution of this money seems to have become a matter of breathless national interest.

The sincerity of my intentions and the integrity of my motives also have been questioned in the press.

There have been graceless insinuations that I never intended to give away this money; and that, if I did, it was only to hide under the gentle mantle of charity a shameless effort to whitewash the Teamsters Union.

"I am announcing today the contributions I am making with the money I have received from the Teamsters Union. Later, at a more appropriate time, I shall report on my stewardship as chairman of the union's Anti-Racketeering Commission."

The statement said Bender has received fees totaling \$19,250, but did not mention the amount he has collected as reimbursement for expenses.

Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ohio) of the Rackets Committee said early this month that a survey up to Aug. 19 showed Bender had collected nearly \$25,000 dollars in fees and expenses.

Other Ohio institutions designated by Bender to receive gifts are as follows:

- Evangelical United Brethren Church, Independence, \$500
- St. Basil Hospital, Cleveland, \$1,000
- St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, \$1,000
- St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, Cleveland, \$1,000
- Church of the Savior, Cleveland Heights, \$1,000
- Lutheran Home for the Aged, Westlake, \$500
- St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Cleveland, \$500
- Chapel: Falls Methodist Church, Chagrin Falls, \$1,500
- Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Cleveland, \$1,000
- Dayton, \$1,000
- Chagrin Health and Welfare Drive, United Appeal, \$500
- Suburban Community Hospital, Warrensville, \$500
- Chagrin Falls Volunteer Fire Department, \$500
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Cleveland, \$500
- Lakewood Hospital Foundation, Lakewood, \$500
- St. Joan d'Arc Catholic Church, Chagrin Falls, \$500
- Reformed Church, Chagrin Falls, \$500
- Valley Lutheran Church, Chagrin Falls, \$500
- Kingsman Union Congregational Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, \$500

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## Bender Says He's Donating Teamster Fees To Charity

(Washington Bureau of The Sun)

Washington, Dec. 30.—Finance  
Senator George E. Bender, head  
of the teamster union's own  
anti-rackets board, tonight  
said he was donating twenty-two  
institutions to which he is dis-  
tributing \$15,000 of the fees  
paid him by the union to inves-  
tigate the union.

Bender said he had been the  
victim of "graceless instiga-  
tions" particularly since De-  
cember 15, when Senator  
McClure, chairman of the  
senate labor-management com-  
mittee, revealed  
Bender had drawn about \$25,000  
from the teamsters in a period  
of 3 1/2 months.

Of that amount about \$25,000  
was in salary—at \$250 a day—  
and the rest was for expenses,  
and the expense of his of-  
fice here in Washington.

"Graceless National Interest"  
When James E. Hoffa, pres-  
ident of the union, made  
Bender the union's  
public chief, the former Ohio  
Republican Senator announced  
that every cent he made would  
go to charity.

Since December 15, he said,

"the distribution of this money  
seems to have become a matter  
of breathless national interest,  
judging from the increasing  
number of calls I am receiving  
daily from the press."  
Worse than that, Bender con-  
tinued:

"The sincerity of my inten-  
tions and the integrity of my  
motives also have been ques-  
tioned in the press."

"There have been graceless  
institutions that I never in-  
tended to give away this  
money; and that, if I did, it  
was only to hide under the  
gentle mantle of charity a  
shameless effort to whitewash  
the teamsters' union."

Bender said he drew \$19,500  
from the teamsters as their  
\$250-a-day house detective.

"For fees for taxes has left  
about \$15,000 available for dis-  
tribution," he said. "Only half  
the amount of individual contri-  
butions is being paid at this  
time. Each recipient will get  
the remainder next year."

All twenty-two of the institu-  
tions listed are in Ohio and the  
majority either are in Clevel-  
and or in Bender's home town  
of Chagrin Falls.

Churches, Hospitals  
The largest single amount  
listed was \$1,000 to the Chagrin  
Falls Methodist Church. Seven  
other churches were on the list.

Five hospitals were on the  
list and there were eight other  
institutions—including \$500 for  
the Chagrin Falls Volunteer  
Fire Department.

Two universities were in-  
cluded—the University of Day-  
ton getting \$1,000 while the  
near by Negro university, Wil-  
berforce, got \$500.

Having made a report on  
what he did with his fees,  
Bender said he subsequently  
would report on what he did to  
earn them. Or, as he put it,  
"later, at a more appropriate  
time, I shall report on my ther-  
apeutic as chairman of the  
union's anti-racketeering com-  
mittee."

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BENDER GIFT OF A FEE

TEAMSTER PAY TO GO TO  
22 GROUPS.

Fees Will Be Deducted Be-  
fore He Turns \$19,250 Over  
to Organizations.

By Jack Williams.

Washington, Dec. 30.—

George H. Bender, former  
Ohio innkeeper, today named 22  
institutions and organizations  
which he said would receive  
the money paid him, minus  
taxes, by the Teamsters union.

Bender said he had been  
paid \$19,250 as a member of  
Teamster President James R.  
Hoffa's anti-racketeering com-  
mittee. Provision for taxes  
leaves \$15,000 for distribu-  
tion, a half immediately and  
the remainder next year,  
Bender said.

Protestant, Catholic and  
Jewish churches and hospitals  
shared in the gifts of \$500 and  
\$1,000 to each. Bender said  
he was sending \$500 to the  
National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored people  
at Cleveland.

The former Ohio Republi-  
can senator has been severely  
criticized by Senator McClellan  
(D Ark.), chairman of the  
Senate labor racketeering com-  
mittee which has been investigat-  
ing Hoffa's union. Bender and  
two other men, one a Wash-  
ington Democratic lawyer and  
the other a Michigan profes-  
sor, were employed by  
Hoffa to make their own in-  
vestigation of the union and  
make a report. The other  
members have received no  
pay.

Bender said he was making  
the list of recipients public  
because "the integrity of my  
motives have been ques-

tioned." He announced sev-  
eral weeks ago he would  
donate the union fees to char-  
ity. He added he had received  
many calls "insinuating I  
never intended to give the  
money away."

No report has been made by  
Hoffa committee. Bender said  
one would be forthcoming "at  
a more appropriate time."

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Says He Likes To Do Good

## Bender Gives His \$15,000 Teamster Pay To Charity

By ROBERT E. HOYT  
Of the Washington Staff

WASHINGTON — Philanthropist George Bender, with 15,000 Teamster anti-racketeering commission dollars on the line for charity, pictured himself today as the champion of the unpopular cause.

In a two-page press release he lists the 22 organizations—nine churches, two universities, eight hospitals or homes—that will receive the \$15,000. He said the money is being given as a United Appeal—that will make an annual contribution.

The \$15,000 represents the Teamster "false-bills" pay for those who are the "dirty" racketeering men of the cleanup squad.

HIS REWARD, said Bender, was the satisfaction of doing a job that was long overdue.

He said the ex-Ohio armorer: "My mother—she was a missionary; you know—told me 'Never stop being a missionary'—that was the element in the community."

"Why, back in Ohio," continued Bender, "I took on the Anti-Saloon League, and they almost ruined me. And when the Ku Klux Klan got too big for its britches I went after them and I put them out of business. And I was nothing but a spit-roasted kid."

THE Bender press release gave some hint that the anti-racketeering commission chairman might wish he had never heard of the Teamsters.

He recounted how he announced his charitable intentions at the time he accepted the Teamster job. Yet, he protested: "There have been graceless instructions that I never intended to give away this money..."

Bender says he has been harassed by calls from "doubting Thomas newspapermen" wanting to know which charities got the money.

"I have always believed—mistakenly. It now appears—

that a man's charities are his own business... (but) this money seems to have become a matter of breathless national interest..."

With only that reason, Bender said, he released the list. "I never brag about things I do," he said, "never have in my life."

Despite the tone of the press release, Bender denied that he had any misgivings about his Teamster cleanup job.

"No—no—I'm not mad," he said, "I'm very happy. I have no regrets."

He felt he was being hounded by the press because he was working in behalf of "God's poor," whom he identified as the 17 million Teamster members in the country.

If he had been working for a big corporation or an industry, he said, his work would have been favorably considered.

HE SAID he viewed his Teamster work as "public service" helping a union that "indicated a desire" to be free of corruption.

And the cooperation he had

received from Teamster President Hoffa and other union officials was regarded as "gratifying."

Bender reported receiving \$19,250 from the Teamsters. He said \$4,250 would go for taxes.

The contributions are being split over two years, he said, because he could not give more than 30 per cent of his income in one year to charity and still get an income tax credit. "And I'm not going to work for the Teamsters or anyone else and have it cost me money," he said.

BENDER emphasized that the \$15,000 was "in addition to my regular charities."

All the beneficiaries are in Ohio, most in his home-town of Chagrin Falls and in Cleveland.

He indicated that the donations were not a great strain. He cited the fact that he had worked for six months of 1956 as a special assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, in addition to income from the George H. Bender Insurance Co., the B & B Investment Co., a counseling service called Designers for Industry, and "a number of other interests I have."

But he declined to say whether future Teamster commission income would go to charity or not. "This list is for 1958," he said. "Hereafter is my own business."

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## Bender Lists \$15,000 Of His Fees to Charity

By LEO McCORMY  
Star Staff Writer

Senator Charles H. Bender has listed \$15,000 as charitable contributions of fees he has received as chairman of the Senators Union's "antiracket" commission.

In a statement released last night the Ohio Republican said contributions will dispose of the \$18,360 paid to him by the union to date—less an allowance for income taxes.

For tax purposes, he said, the contributions will be delayed until 1959. Written pledges cover these sums, he added.

Mr. Bender said he decided to give his fees to charity when he was hired last August to head the commission established by Senator R. B. Griffin, president of the 1.6-million-member union.

Thus, according to his statement, the contributions were not delayed by unfavorable conditions attending disclosure of his fees earlier this month on Chairman McClellan of the Senate Rackets Committee.

**\$18,360 Total Reported**  
Senator McClellan, an Arkansas Democrat, at that time reported the Teamsters had paid Mr. Bender \$18,360 in fees and \$8,658 in expenses—a total of \$27,018—from August 15 to December 8. The fees are at the rate of \$200 for each day worked.

Mr. Bender said he always has believed that "a state's charities are its own business." But decided to give an account because reporters have been pestering him.

"The sincerity of my intentions and the integrity of my motives also have been ques-

tioned by the press," he noted. "There have been article-in-sinuations that I never intended to give away this money; and that, if I did, it was only to hide under the gentle mantle of charity a shameless effort to whitewash the Teamsters."

He emphasized that the contributions from Teamster fees are in addition to his regular charity.

### 22 Recipients Listed

On Mr. Bender's list are 22 Ohio churches, hospitals, institutions and other recipients. His contributions range from \$500 to \$1,500—the latter for the Charmin Pella Methodist Church attended by his grandchildren.

Discussing the contributions, he noted one of \$500 for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Cleveland. Taking an obvious dig at Senator McClellan, Mr. Bender commented that "I hope this will help get the children of Arkansas back in school."

The two other members of Mr. Bender's commission have said they have collected no fees because the panel has been inactive.



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## I'm Aiding Underdog --Bender

BY ROBERT E. SOYD  
Of Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON -- Philanthropist George Bender, with 15,000 Teamster Anti-Racketeering Commission dollars on the line for charity, pictured himself Wednesday as the champion of the un-popular cause.

In a two-page press release he lists 21 organizations -- 9 churches, 2 universities, 8 hospitals or "homes," the NAACP, a volunteer fire department and a united up-pool that will share in the munificence.

The \$15,000 represents Bender's "take home" pay for three months as the James Hoffa-appointed head of the stevedore squad.

His reward, said Bender, was the satisfaction of doing a job that needed doing.

BENDER SAID he had been harassed by calls from "doubting Thomas newspapermen" wanting to know which charities got the money.

He felt he was being hounded by the press because he was working for the benefit of "the poor," whom he identified as the 1.7 million Teamster members in the country.

If he had been working for a big corporation or an industry, he said, his work would have been favorably considered.

He said he viewed his Teamster work as a "public service," helping a union that "indicated a desire" to be free of corruption.

Bender would not say whether future Teamster leaders will go to charity or not. "This file" is for 1958. Hereafter is my own manuscript," he said.



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## Bender Lists Charities Getting His Union Pay

By EDWARD KERNAN  
Plain Dealer Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 — Former U.S. Sen. George F. Bender tonight announced widespread charity contributions of \$15,000 from his pay as chairman of the International Teamsters' Anti-racketeering Commission.

Bender has earned \$19,250 from the racket-infested union since named to the post by Teamster President James R. Hoffa last August.

Twenty-two organizations, virtually all in the Greater Cleveland area, will benefit from the Bender donations.

Only half of the \$15,000 will be distributed immediately, Bender said. Each recipient will get the remainder next year.

Protestant, Catholic and Jewish organizations will share in the donations. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was also on his list.

"I hope they use it in Ar-

bans to get the little children back to school," Bender remarked to the Plain Dealer.

Bender emphasized that the contributions were in addition to his regular charities.

He listed his contributions from the \$19,250 in Greater Cleveland as follows:

Mount Sinai Hospital, \$1,000.

St. Luke's Hospital, \$1,000.

St. Vincent Charity Hospital, \$1,000.

Church of the Redeemer, Cleveland Heights, \$1,000.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, \$500.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church, \$1,000.

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West Hill Union Congregation - Presbyterian Church, \$500.

First Evangelical United Brethren Church, Independence, \$500.

Lutheran Home for the Aged, \$500.

Chagrin Falls Methodist Church, \$1,500.

Warren Community Hospital, Warrensville, \$500.

Lakeview Hospital Foundation, \$500.

Reformed Church, Chagrin Falls, \$500.

Valley Lutheran Church, Chagrin Falls, \$500.

St. John of Arc Catholic Church, Chagrin Falls, \$500.

Chagrin Health and Welfare, Chagrin Falls, \$500.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Cleveland, \$500.

Chagrin Falls Volunteer Fire Department, \$500.

Other contributions were:

Chas. Macomber Home, Springfield, \$500.

Ohio Lutheran Home, Springfield, \$500.

Willowbrook University, \$500.

University of Dayton, \$500.

The Cleveland Republic has been under heavy fire from all sides since he took the job of trying to clean up the Hoffa union, which the senate Labor racketeers' McClellan Committee charged was loaded with thieves, thugs, racketeers and hoodlums.

Newspaper columnists and cartoonists have been hammering away at Bender. They have accused him of taking money under false pretenses that it was impossible for him to clean up a union when his \$19,250-a-year salary was coming from the union itself.

Premises Results

Bender retorted by stating that he intended to "do a job" that if his recommendations for ouster of crooked union leaders were not followed, he would resign forthwith.

When he took the chairmanship of the three-man commission Aug. 23, he said that he was not interested in the pay and that he would donate the money to charity.

John L. McClellan (D), chairman of the Senate Racketeers Committee, one of the most severe critics of Bender and Hoffa, is the senate senator from Arkansas.

Here is the formal statement issued by Bender as he listed his charitable contributions:

At the time I accepted the chairmanship of the Anti-racketeering Commission of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, I said I intended to contribute my income to hospitals, schools and charitable institutions.

Although I have always believed — mistakenly, it now appears — that a man charities are his own business and, perhaps, that of the tax collector, the distribution of this money seems to have become a matter of breathless national interest.

From the increasing number of calls I am receiving from the press, seeking an answer.

Those calls insist that the man, too, is entitled to know.

The sincerity of my intentions and the integrity of my motives also have been questioned in the press. There have been a great many insinuations that I never intended to give away this money; and that, if I did, it was only to hide under the gentle mantle of charity a shameless effort to whitewash the teamsters union.

Report Comes Later

"I am announcing tonight the contributions I am making with the money I have received from the Teamsters Union. Later, at a more appropriate time, I shall report on my stewardship as chairman of the union's anti-racketeering commission.

"For my services as chairman of the commission, I have received to date a total of \$19,250 from the Teamsters Union. Provision for taxes has left about \$15,000 available for distribution. Only half the amount of individual contributions is being paid at this time. Each recipient will get the remainder next year.

Bender was appointed to the Hoffa-dominated anti-racketeering commission at a time when both Hoffa and his top lieutenants were under a heavy barrage from the McClellan committee.

Named with Bender were F. Joseph Donohue, Washington lawyer and former president of

the District of Columbia commission and a former special prosecutor for the Justice Department, and Ira W. Jayne of Detroit, a retired judge of the Circuit Court of Michigan and professor of law at Wayne University.

Donohue and Jayne have not been active in the work of the commission, while Bender has devoted considerable time to the task. He receives his \$19,250 pay only for actual time put in on the job.

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# Washington Scene . . . By George Dixon

## A Christmas Bender

POSSIBLY this isn't the true Christmas spirit, but I am desperate. With trembling hands and a clutch in my throat, I make time for one final desperate appeal to former Senator Bender of Ohio: "Please, Bender! — you have one drop of mercy in your soul — Please take me off your Christmas card list!"

Look, Bender, I don't want Christmas, or any other greetings from you.

To make it worse, you sent me this year's card to my home. There's a temporary mailer — our route right now, and we have been leaving our mail at neighbors' houses, and their mail at ours. Supposing your card had fallen into the hands of one of the neighbors? You just can't explain things like that. I'd sooner get Christmas greetings from your employer, H-b-a.

YOUR card shows the now-censored outburst in what is palpably a large estate. We don't have rich showplaces like that in our



neighborhood. We don't get \$250 a day from the Teamsters Union.

In addition to Christmas greetings, the card carries the inscription, "Good friends, good times, good will, good cheer, good health to you throughout the New Year." That may be poetical, Bender, but it wouldn't be prophetic if it fell into the wrong hands.

If you must find ways to spend that \$250,000 you get from the Teamsters for about three months' work, please don't pick on me. I wouldn't want anyone to suspect I might be one of those charities you referred to as sharing your loot. By the way, Bender, what are those charities? You are as vague about them as I am about what you are doing for the Teamsters. You stated that you have "never worked so hard in your life." What is it?

AS I write this, the Senate Labor-Racketeering Investigating Committee has just voted unanimously to cite Ohio Teamsters Boss William Prosser for contempt of Congress. Prosser was summoned before the committee last summer, but took the Fifth Amendment all over the place.

One of the exhibits which Committee Counsel Robert F. Kennedy has handy is a photograph of you, Bender, with your arm around this character. I was taken in 1954, when you were running against former Mayor Tom Burke of your home town, Cleveland, for the U. S. Senate.

If you will recall, Bender, you were chairman of a Senate committee investigating an Ohio juke box scandal in which Prosser, and his second in command, an individual called Babe Triauro, were involved. The investigation was suddenly called off. Although you are a Republican, the Teamsters supported you, and you won by a small margin.

In my black despair at failing to get off your Christmas card list, Bender, there is one faint ray of hope. Two years ago I made no secret of what I thought of you, and you sent me three Christmas cards. A year ago, I was more outspoken and you sent me two cards. So far this year you have sent me only one.

What did you do with my other two cards? Send them to Committee Counsel Kennedy and Chairman John L. McClellan?

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George Did It

Jimmy Hoffa's Teamsters' Union has paid former Ohio Senator George Bender \$1,500 for three months' service.

Seeking to whitewash serious corruption charges brought by the Senate Rackets committee and the AFL-CIO, the union hired Bender to "clean up."

He did!

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TALKING IT OVER

### By Dwight Young

Back in the headlines comes Jimmy Hoffa, Teamsters union president, after only a few days absence. Apparently Hoffa simply cannot stay out of the headlines. There is ample ground for the suspicion that he would be someone anywhere else.

Hoffa's obvious penchant for publicity is reminiscent of the political leader who was quoted as saying: "I don't care what people say or how they say it, so long as they keep talking about me." That makes me a contemporary figure and in a big help in winning elections.

The latest report concerns former United States Sen. George Bender of Cleveland, chairman of the thirteen-member committee appointed by Hoffa to explore and if now appears to white-wash numerous charges of racketeering and hoodlums in the Teamsters union.

In Miami, Fla., last week Hoffa gleefully announced that Bender and his two associates had found the union "free of corruption." Now comes the word that Mr. Bender has received a total of \$21,500.56 for his services.

The detailed report shows that Bender was paid \$250 a day for his working days, which were only two days fewer than the total number of working days in this period (Aug. 18 to Nov. 14, 1958). Senator McClellan reports. His per diem for the day added up to \$15,750. The remainder of the nearly \$20,000 went for various expenses, including \$763 for telephone and telegram charges, \$425 for postage, \$650 for better service, \$813.36 for airline transportation and \$663 for office rent. In addition, the union paid Bender a personal secretary \$3,000 in salary from Aug. 18 to Dec. 4.

It is interesting to recall that at the time he was offered and accepted the Hoffa job Bender attempted to minimize the \$250 a day fee by saying that he didn't expect to be on any five or six days a week payroll; that some weeks he probably would work only two or three days at most. Inasmuch as he missed only two working days in the three months it appears he was not much kinder than he anticipated.

Also at that time he was telling reporters that the money really meant nothing to him, that he had all of the "maxims" he needs for comfortable living and that he contemplated giving his Hoffa earnings to "charity."

The former Ohio statesman failed on that memorable occasion to identify the charity that would be the recipient of his largesse. Perhaps now that he has been paid off by Hoffa, he will be disposed to tell us more about the "charity" angle of this most unusual incident.

Only last week Hoffa began feeling his oats again when a Cleveland federal judge ruled that the court-appointed board of monitors, named to flush up Teamsters union corruption, has only advisory authority. In other words, the monitors are powerless to enforce their decisions. The monitors already had denounced the discharge of the Teamsters at Bert Brennan, one of Hoffa's chief Detroit lieutenants, for the alleged misuse of union welfare funds.

Following the Cleveland court's ruling Hoffa acted swiftly. First, he announced the firing of "Honest Tom" Rickey, general organizer for the union in New York at a salary of \$20,000 a year. The excuse was that Rickey had proved ineffectual in getting new members. Another possible explanation, however, that Hoffa did not mention, is that Rickey through the years has vigorously opposed all types of union racketeering; also that last year he was an outstanding opponent of Hoffa's election to the presidency of the union.

Hoffa's next step was to announce that he plans to start a nationwide drive to enroll several million public employees in the Teamsters union, which of course means members of police and fire departments all over the country. This decision was made at an executive board meeting last week in Miami. The opening guns in the campaign were signaled to be fired in New York City this week.

When Hoffa was reminded that many states have laws that prohibit public employees from striking, he said: "Every state, county and municipal employee must have the right to strike, except those individuals charged with the responsibility of maintaining service of an emergency nature." He continued that in states that have prohibitory laws "the Teamsters very definitely will go to the legislatures and prevail upon them to have the law changed."

Unfortunately for Hoffa, his hours of happiness were short. Another federal judge, having superior authority to the Cleveland court, Judge F. Dickinson Letts of Washington, D. C., in a superseding opinion, has declared that the Teamsters union is required to follow whatever recommendations the monitors make, and pointedly implied that noncompliance by the union will make drastic action by the court necessary.

What a man is this fellow, Jimmy Hoffa! Obviously, he has outgrown his britches. In his visions of grandeur does he imagine himself a superior to all government and law? Whatever his thoughts, if he indulges in occasional thinking, his actions in the recent past certainly point in that direction.

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# Union Job Paid

## Bender \$28,300

### Ex-Senator Says He Got Over \$20,000

Probers Question Fees Covering 3½-Month Task

By LEE M. COHN

Senator George M. Bender, who was paid \$28,300 for his services as chairman of the anti-racketeering commission, said today that he has received more than \$20,000 for his fee.

Mr. Bender, an Ohio Republican, confirmed that he has received more than \$20,000 for his fee.

His two fellow-commissioners said they have neither asked nor received any pay because the panel agreed not to function beyond preliminary work.

The decision to suspend activity, they explained, was reached because monitors policing the union challenged the commission's authority in court.

Appointed by Rep. James R. Hoffa, president of the 1.6-million-member union, appointed the commission last August to investigate charges that the Teamsters are infested with racketeers. Court-appointed monitors consider the commission a trick to divert their own clean-up campaign, and plan to order dissolution of the rival panel.

Senator McClellan, Democrat of Arkansas, reported in a letter to Monitor Chairman Martin F. O'Donoghue that the union paid Mr. Bender personally \$15,750—at the rate of \$250 per day—from August 18 through November 14.

A staff investigator for the Senator's Rackets Committee later raised the figure to \$18,250 by adding \$3,500 in fees from November 14 through December 5.

In addition to the per diem fees, Senator McClellan said, the union paid Mr. Bender \$9,050 for expenses from August 18 through December 4—raising total payments to \$24,800. The later figures increased total reported payments to \$28,300.

#### Monitors to Investigate

Informed that the other commissioners said the panel has been inactive, Mr. O'Donoghue said the monitors will investigate to find out what if anything Mr. Bender did to earn his pay.

Calling the commission "a transparent fraud," Mr. O'Donoghue said "it's amazing that he (Mr. Bender) should receive that amount of money." He said the monitors may ask the commission for its records, to learn the basis of last week's previous report by Mr. Bender to Mr. Hoffa—in which the union reportedly was given a clean bill of health.

There were 29 working days on the calendar from August 18 through December 5, during on the basis of a five-day week excluding holidays. Senator McClellan and his staff said Mr. Bender collected \$10,250 in per diem fees for that period.

That is equivalent to pay at \$250 per day for 71 days—only 2 fewer days than the maximum.

Mr. Bender, who is touchy about the \$250-per-day fee, has told reporters frequently he would charge the union for only a relatively few days of actual work each month.

#### Breakdown of Fees Given

Expenses paid to Mr. Bender, Senator McClellan continued, included \$3,000 for the salary of Senator Bender's personal secretary; \$600 for extra clerical help; \$953 for rent of his office; \$763 for telephone and telegraph charges; \$425 in postage; \$659.08 for letter service; \$819.33 for airline transportation and a number of other smaller items.

Contacted by the Associated Press in Cleveland, Mr. Bender at first neither confirmed nor challenged the amount of fees and expense payments calculated by Senator McClellan.

But he later told the Associated Press he received \$15,750 in fees and \$1,548.25 in expenses, or \$1,704.33 less than the Senator calculated. The final Senate total was \$5,304.33 more than Mr. Bender acknowledged.

Mr. Bender used a starting date of August 18 instead of August 14. And he said his figures covered the period through November 20. The investigators reported through December 5.

"Whatever days I worked I put in a bill for," Mr. Bender said in the conversation. "I'm not working today, for example."

He said he had not asked all other work since his appointment to the commission. Mr. Bender, who was defeated for re-election in 1954, maintains an office for The George H. Bender Co. at 281 Constitution avenue N.W.

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**Question on Charities**  
Asked about charging nearly \$1,000 a month for his secretary's services, Mr. Bender declined to discuss the rate beyond saying that "whatever she's done she's gotten paid for." He said she took care of all clerical work for the commission.

Declining to go into details about his donations in charity, Mr. Bender said "that's my own business." His donations would show up on his income tax returns, he added.

Mr. Bender said the financial arrangement was worked out in advance with union officials and "they're satisfied with it."

After all, this is union money, not public money," he said.

He said the commission's work was supervised largely by the Rackets Committee.

testimony and contacting Teamster affiliates and labor leaders throughout the country to inquire about racketeering. Replies have been received on about 55 per cent of the letters he sent.

Asked how much he had collected from the Teamsters, F. Joseph (Jiggs) Donohue, one of the other commissioners, voiced: "I have the figures right in my head. I have received nothing, but some money out of."

**Both Say No Bills Put In**  
Contacted in Detroit, Ira W. Jayne, the other commissioner, said: "I have not received a cent."

Both commissioners said they had put in no bills.

Mr. Donohue, a former District Commissioner and now a lawyer here, gave this explanation:

"When we first met we were aware of the fact that the monitors questioned whether we were authorized to take the position that we would not function unless our status was clarified by Judge Letta."

District Judge F. Dickinson Letta appointed the board of monitors last January, and last week ordered the Teamsters to obey the monitors' cleanup directives.

**Preliminary Meetings Only**  
Aside from some preliminary meetings and planning, Mr. Donohue said, the commission has been inactive.

Judge Jayne, retired chief justice of the Michigan Circuit Court, said "I haven't put in any bills because I haven't been working. The commission met and agreed that since Judge Letta had the matter before him we would take no action until it was determined whether there was a job for us to do."

Mr. Donohue said he was inclined to believe that "unless we have the confidence of the monitors we couldn't be very effective. I thought we could be helpful, but the monitors

apparently immediately reached a contrary conclusion."

He indicated he probably still regretted the monitors' call on Mr. Hoffa to dissolve the commission.

Judge Jayne said he was "not sure" the commission was "through." He said he would favor an early meeting of the commission to decide if it was a service to perform.

**Plans to Go Ahead**  
Mr. Jayne told the AP the commission is not "through" and insisted "I am going ahead and do a job." He said he planned to meet this week with his fellow commissioners with Mr. Hoffa and with other Teamster officers.

"I haven't been marking time," Mr. Donohue said, dismissing Mr. Donohue's and Judge Jayne's story that the commission has not been working.

"My only interest in this is to see that we get rid of the bad characters in the Teamsters Union—that's all," Mr. Bender said.

Senator McClellan told Mr. O'Donohue the commission has not asked for any of the information gathered by the Rackets Committee. Calling the commission "a duplication of effort," the senator said he was writing to Mr. O'Donohue in the interests of discouraging the waste of union funds.

**Ohio Check Cited**  
The letter was dated last Friday and released to the press today.

Senator McClellan's report indicated that Mr. Bender went on the Teamster payroll August 18. Mr. Hoffa announced appointment of the commission August 22.

The Rackets Committee last September produced evidence that the Ohio Conference of Teamsters on August 18 paid Mr. Bender \$1,000. The check bore a notation that it was a

retainer for public relations services. Mr. Bender said he was paid to conduct a study of Ohio anti-trust laws.

He told reporters he repaid the \$1,000 after his appointment to the commission because he saw a conflict of interest.

As evidence, he introduced his canceled personal check for \$1,000 to the Ohio Teamsters.

His check was dated August 24—nine days after the Teamster check, eight days after he says he went on the union payroll as a commissioner, six days after Senator McClellan says he went on the payroll, and one day after public announcement of the commission.

Sen. McClellan Doesn't Like It

## Bender's Collections Are Put at \$24,800 as Hoffa Unit Head

By LOWELL K. BISHOP, Staff Writer

Former Sen. George H. Bender has collected a whopping \$24,800 as the hand-picked chairman of Jimmy Hoffa's own "anti-rackets committee."

The Ohio Republican's personal fees and expenses were made public today by Senate Rackets Committee Chairman John L. McClellan, who called Mr. Bender's group a "wasteful duplication" and an "additional burden" on Teamsters Union funds.

### LETTER

Sen. McClellan, in a letter to the board of monitors overseeing Mr. Bender's operation, implied he thought Mr. Bender's committee should be put out of business.

While Mr. Bender was collecting \$15,750 in personal fees and \$9050.58 in expenses, the other two members of his committee didn't collect anything, it was learned. They are Washington attorney P. Joseph Jayne and Mrs. W. Jayne, retired Detroit judge.

The total personal fees means Mr. Bender has charged \$200 a day for every working day since two men he named being Mr. Hoffa's "chief gangbuster" last Aug. 15.

Mr. Bender last week refused to tell newsmen how much he was making on his job with Mr. Hoffa. "That's none of your business," Mr. Bender declared.

### SAME FEELINGS

Today, however, Mr. Bender said he made public the same figures last Saturday as quoted by the Senate committee, and declared he has "never worked harder and more trying circumstances" as chairman of the "clean up" group.

Both Messrs. Donohue and Jayne declined to comment on Sen. McClellan's latest up on the amount of

### Comment: And the Dues-Payers Pay

JIMMY HOFFA said the other day the Teamsters Union he heads—under court supervision—is free of the gangster infiltration and domination which the Senate Rackets Committee for several months has been probing.

He said he based this remarkable conclusion on a report from his favorite investigator, ex-Sen. George Bender, whom he hired last summer to "clean up" the union.

This obviously so nettled Sen. John McClellan, chairman of the Senate committee, that he has written a letter to the court-appointed monitors of the union giving them a few facts they may not have known.

The chief fact is that Mr. Bender has been on the Teamsters' pay roll since August at \$250 a day, plus expenses, and by Nov. 14 had collected \$15,750 in

fees, plus more than \$9000 for travel and office expenses.

The other two members of the Bender purifying committee apparently have not been paid, haven't done anything much either, and didn't know of Mr. Bender's report.

Sen. McClellan comments that the Bender operation is a "duplication of effort which would be an additional burden on the funds of the Teamsters Union, which are derived from the members' dues."

Well, it is an extra \$24,800 burden on the dues-paying members, all right. But if there has been any "duplication of effort" it is not yet visible. It looks more like a boondoggle, chiefly for Jimmy Hoffa's amusement, at the expense of the men who drive the trucks.

money Mr. Bender has been paid. Both, however, said they had no part in and were not aware of Mr. Bender's report to Mr. Hoffa. Judge Jayne said he understood the committee was "to act as a body."

Martin P. O'Donoghue monitors chairman, and the other monitors also declined comment on Sen. McClellan's letter. It was expected, however, they would meet this week to discuss it and possibly take action concerning Bender's committee.

### EXPENSES

The \$9050.58 collected by Mr. Bender for expenses appeared to cover mainly the operation of his office in the Standard Oil Building here. Mr. Bender established the office following his defeat for re-election and before he started working for Hoffa. Expenses items paid to Mr.



MR. BENDER

Bender include: \$3000 for his personal secretary; \$950.75 for extra clerical help; \$953.00 for office rent; \$763.00 for telephones and telegrams.

\$425.00 for postage; \$659.08 for letter service; \$513.35 for airline transportation and other small bills.

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## Bender Group Hazy About Future

AP conflict developed last night among the members of the Teamster union's own three-man rechartering commission about the future of the group.

It was guaranteed the decision last week of U.S. District Judge F. Dickinson Letts of Washington giving authority over union affairs to the court-appointed board of members.

One member, retired Circuit Judge Ira W. Jaynes, told the Associated Press in Detroit that he assumed the three-man commission was "through."

Bender differs. But former U.S. Sen. George H. Bender, commission chairman, said here that Jaynes spoke "only for himself."

"Neither the Letts nor the Council decision affects our commission as I see it," Bender said.

The Council reference was by U.S. District Judge Jaynes C. Connell, whom-ruling here in a similar case was opposite to that announced later by Judge Letts.

"By the same token," Bender continued, "I don't think it is in order for us to make pronouncements until the thing is finally disposed of."

**Appeals Decision**  
The Teamsters executive board is appealing the Letts decision ordering it to comply with reform recommendations of court-appointed monitors.

Bender insisted he "certainly" would abide by "what ever the Teamsters union decides to do."

He said that until he heard from the union he would make no comment with regard to the court's action or anyone else's.

Including Mr. McClellan (Sen. John L. McClellan, Arkansas Democrat who heads the Senate anti-rackets committee).

"I'm not interested in keeping little children from going to school in Little Rock or anywhere else," Bender asserted. "I'm interested only in getting rid of the racketeers in the Teamsters."

Judge Jaynes said the third

member of the commission, F. Joseph Donohue, former District of Columbia commissioner, felt as he did. But he said he had not talked to Bender.

Bender said he would arrange a meeting of the three commission members after he conferred with Teamster officials.

The Associated Press quoted Judge Jaynes as saying the commission "is taking no further action and contemplating that we're through" and "we (the commission) agreed to mark time until Judge Letts decided whether there was a place for us."

But Bender denied he had agreed to wait until Judge Letts decided there was a place for the commission. He maintained that he was hired by the Teamsters and "as far as I'm concerned I have an assignment to do and will do it the best I can."

Asked what he would do if his commission was declared illegal by the courts, he replied: "I'm not supposing anything."

### Makes Earnings Public

Earlier, Bender had called the Plain Dealer to make public his earnings as head of the three-man commission. As of last Nov. 20, he said, he had billed the Teamsters union for \$15,750 in salary and \$7,346.25 for expenses.

He said he was tired of reading "every day" that he was making \$250 a day, so he announced his total earnings since last Aug. 16.

Bender said he did not know what the other commission members had earned. His earnings, he said, would go to charity.

He said he never had a more difficult assignment under more trying circumstances.

"I have been designated to call the shots as I see them and that's exactly what I'm doing," he continued.

Of the 4,800 law enforcement officials he had consulted throughout the country for information on Teamster racketeering, about 65% had answered, Bender said. The majority of the reports were favorable to the Teamsters, he added. He refused to discuss the unfavorable reports.

"That's something I should discuss with the Teamsters board," he said.

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# Hoffa-Picked Racket Board Due to Disband

The Teamsters Union's own "anti-rackets commission" is ready to disband in the face of a court decision giving unquestioned control of union affairs to a court-appointed Board of Monitors.

"I assume that we're through," retired Circuit Judge Ira W. Jayne, one of the three members of the commission, said Saturday.

Set up by Teamster President James R. Hoffa less than four months ago, the commission never really started a serious investigation of charges of gangster infiltration and corruption in the 1,500,000-member union.

## MONITOR CHIEF ACTS

Judge Jayne's statement came as the chairman of the monitors, Martin F. O'Donoghue, disclosed plans in Washington to dissolve the Teamster-picked commission.

Backed with the new court authority, O'Donoghue also said his cleanup squad will press for the expulsion of Teamster Vice President Owen (Bert) Brennan and may move to oust Hoffa as well.

The decision subordinating the role of Hoffa to the monitors was handed down in Washington Thursday by Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts.

## OUSTER ORDERED

One of Judge Letts' orders was that Hoffa start immediate ouster proceedings against Brennan, president of Detroit Local 337 and long-time Hoffa pal.

Jayne explained that his group held a few informal meetings shortly after their appointment Aug. 24.

Because of the court litigation, he said "we agreed to mark time until Judge Letts decided whether there was a place for us."

Jayne said he had not heard from the Teamsters since the decision was handed down, but he said the commission "is taking no further action and contemplating that we're through."

## OTHER MEMBERS AGREE

He said another member of the commission, F. Joseph Donohue, former District of Columbia commissioner, "feels the same way."

Jayne said he has not conferred with the commission

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CHAIRMAN, George H. Bender, former Republican U.S. senator from Ohio. Bender, of Cleveland, was unavailable for comment.

"I expect to hear something soon from the Teamsters' executive board, which retained us," said Jayne.

The executive board, meeting in Miami Beach, has announced intentions of appealing Judge Letts' decision as soon as the Board of Monitors carries out his directive to order the union to clean house.

## MONITORS PREPARE

O'Donoghue, in Washington, is drafting the legal framework for the assault on the Teamster hierarchy.

"Naturally," he said, "I am very pleased with the court's decision. I am complying promptly with the judge's request."

Already in the monitors' possession is a petition asking Hoffa's removal on 216 charges, ranging from "rigging" his election at the Miami convention last year to the abuse of union funds as alleged in testimony before the Senate labor-management racket committee.

The demand was filed by dissident rank-and-file Teamsters in New York locale,

headed by Andrew Higgins, of Long Island.

Some of the complainants were among the 13 Teamster rebels who contested Hoffa's election before Judge Letts' last year. Their suit led to the creation of the watchdog monitor board and Hoffa's provisional ascendance to the presidency.

Their attorney in the suit, Godfrey P. Schmidt, of New York, is one of the monitors. The Teamsters' man on the board is L. N. D. Wells Jr., of Dallas, Tex.

## OUSTER ACTION NEXT

The Hoffa ouster petition probably will be taken up at the next meeting of the board, but O'Donoghue said it has not been determined just how it will be handled.

If they follow the procedure recommended in the Brennan case—but never carried out—Hoffa would go on trial before the Teamsters' executive council with an outside attorney acting as "prosecutor."

The monitors then would submit their recommendation for Hoffa's ouster or retention. If the council refused to accept the monitors' recommendation, the monitors could go into Federal court to force compliance or to attempt action against the union.

The name of Brennan was one of 19 member-demanded actions that Hoffa has refused.

## BOXER INVOLVED

Brennan is accused of misusing Michigan Teamster welfare funds to promote the boxing future of heavyweight Emmer Davidson.

According to Senate reports committee testimony, Davidson was given a job of "inspector" on the Teamster payroll and paid several thousand dollars under Brennan's management.

James Hoffa was accused of being a partner of Brennan in the venture. O'Donoghue has demanded that the Teamster union be ruled ineligible to sit in judgment on Brennan at the hearing.

Brennan, 53-year-old native of St. Louis, was involved with Hoffa in charges that they conspired to tap telephones in the Teamsters' Detroit headquarters.

#### FAIR ACQUITTED

The first trial in New York ended when the jury failed to agree. After the second trial, the two unionists and Bernard Spindel, a professional wire tapper, were acquitted.

Brennan owns a stable of horses and has been active in horsemen's associations.

In 1939, while he was a Teamster business agent, he was fired upon twice by an unidentified assailant as he drove along Caniff in Hamtramck.

Appearing before the Senate committee earlier this year, Brennan repeatedly invoked the Fifth Amendment when asked about union spending, including the purchase of the former home of Paul (The Walter) Ricca, Chicago gangster.

#### NO COMPROMISE

Chairman O'Donoghue and Schultz say they will not compromise in making full use of the authority given them by Judge Letts to compel "immediate compliance" with cleanup orders.

Jayne's statement indicated his group may be out of business before the monitors take any action to dissolve it.

In Miami this week, Hoffa reported that the Bender commission has found no evidence of corruption.

Teamster spokesmen said Bender wrote secretaries of union locals asking if there had been any wrongdoing in their locals, but got all negative replies.

In view of this, some ob-

servers feel that Hoffa quickly agreed to terminate his unionism activities and it has finished its work.

Jayne said he had no part in the peeling of Teamster locals about corruption.

Court litigation may tie up any removal action until February or March, but O'Donoghue said he doubts the Teamster spirit will have any success.

#### 'JUST ERRAND BOY

Observers here and in Washington believe that Hoffa and his union now are hemmed in tightly. They say Judge Letts' decision makes Hoffa little more than an errand boy for the monitors.

They also feel that Hoffa announced plans to organize public employees, including policemen and firemen, to counter his loss in the courts.

Arnold Zander, president of the AFL-CIO State, County and Municipal Employees Union, said Hoffa's announcement is "just propaganda."

Some attorneys for labor groups are jittery, however, over the court disbanding of Hoffa. They regard the Letts decision as a possible precedent after that eventually could affect other unions.

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**Bender's  
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Job Target**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—Armed with sweeping court powers, monitors judging the Teamsters Union took dead aim today on former Senator George H. Bender and his \$250-a-day job as the Teamster's own clean-up man.

Martin F. O'Donoghue, Washington attorney who is chairman of the federal court-appointed board of monitors, said he will move quickly to force dissolution of the "anti-union-busting commission" appointed by Teamsters President James R. Hoffa.

BENDER WAS NAMED by Hoffa as head of the commission in the wake of his appointment, the portly Cleveland said he would donate his \$250 a day fee to "charity."

Just this week, the Bender commission reported to the union's executive committee that it had been unable to uncover anything wrong in the organization.

But yesterday a 10th Circuit Judge F. Wilkinson Letts ruled in Federal Court here that the court-appointed monitors headed by O'Donoghue were, in effect, officers of the court and had the power to compel Hoffa and the union to appear before

mediate compliance with the monitor's orders.

IN THE WAKE of that order, O'Donoghue made it plain that he regards the Bender commission as nothing more nor less than a trick designed to divert the monitors' own clean-up drive.

He said he does not believe the union will succeed in overturning the Letts ruling—which Hoffa has indicated he will appeal—and that he intends to use to the full the authority implied in it, including the power to drive Bender out of his \$250 a day job.

Bender refused to comment either on the Letts ruling, or on O'Donoghue's plans to kill the Bender commission. He said appeals are likely and that he does not want to inject himself into pending litigation.

BENDER SAID his commission has not met for a month but he said he and his two colleagues are pursuing their investigation—thus far without fruit—of charges that there has been corruption in the Teamsters union.

The Cleveland said he has had no thought of resigning his chairmanship of the group. He said he has "nothing but respect for the courts" and bears no ill will toward the monitors.

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## Bender Check Pats Teamsters

By Robert Crater

Washington, Dec. 11—Former Ohio Sen. George Bender said today that his watchdog committee is making an extensive check on charges of gangsterism and racketeering within the Teamsters Union. He said preliminary returns show results that are "overwhelmingly favorable" to the union.

Bender said 4,500 letters have been sent to representatives of forces across the nation asking for information on Teamsters.

Former GOP senator, appointed as chairman of the three-man watchdog committee by Teamster President James R. Hoffa, said only 65 per cent of the replies have been received and therefore no conclusions can be reached as yet.

He said while the replies to his survey are "overwhelmingly favorable, but that does not mean that all was favorable."



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**Tame Watchdogs**

After a six months investigation of the affairs of the Teamsters union, a committee of "watchdogs" appointed by Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa has found no evidence of wrongdoing by Mr. Hoffa or any other official of the union.

This report, an obvious if by no means unexpected whitewash, was rendered by the Hoffa-appointed watchdog-in-chief, former U. S. Sen. George H. Bender.

Sen. Bender was retired from public life in 1954 by the voters of Ohio when he ran unsuccessfully for re-election. The nature of his report on the Teamsters reinforces Abraham Lincoln's renowned rhetorical question:

Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people?"

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## TALKING IT OVER By Dwight Young

It appears to be proper at this time to inquire of what Jimmy Hoffa's (Teamster boss) anti-racketeering committee is doing.

This group, headed by former United States Sen. George Bender of Ohio, consists of Attorney F. Joseph Donohue of Washington, D. C., and Detroit Judge Ira W. Jayne, in addition to Mr. Bender.

It is reported, but without confirmation, that the committee already has made certain recommendations to Mr. Hoffa. Chairman Bender, recently pressed for comment on the committee's activities, declined to make a statement. He responded to persistent questioning with: "We'll make our report when the time comes, but not before."

Nevertheless, sources close to Bender have "leaked" the information that 1958 law enforcement officers in the United States have been requested to submit official records indicating criminality by union officials; and that the response has pointed the finger of suspicion against some union leaders who have not been involved previously in racketeering charges. It is reported, also, unconfirmed, that Hoffa has urged Teamster union officials, under suspicion by the Bender committee, to "resign voluntarily."

Soon after the "committee" was picked by Hoffa last August to ferret out and report any wrongdoing in the Teamsters union, Mr. Bender publicly announced that he, himself, would quit the job if Hoffa should ignore any of the committee's recommendations. Only last week Bender was asked whether Hoffa is co-operating, but declined to make any comment.

All of the foregoing recalls to mind the caustic statement made by Sen. John L. McClellan, head of the senate's investigating group, immediately after Hoffa announced the appointment of the Bender committee. The substance of the observation was that a test of the Teamster's good faith would be whether and how quickly it moved in on Hoffa, the new president of the Teamsters.

Well, that was in August, and December will be with us in less than three months. How many months have elapsed, then? It's about time that Mr. Bender and his associates in this most unusual investigation should be making at least a preliminary report of their progress.

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But: Racketeering Commission

Jimmy Hoffa isn't the only interested party. The public has an important stake in the cleaning up of labor union racketeering, with heavy emphasis on the Teamsters, who are widely suspected of being the worst offenders of all.

Many of this column's readers probably have forgotten, as had this writer until he was reminded by a recent magazine article, that it is only 25 years ago that the government of the United States accorded official recognition to the Soviet Union.

What a cataclysm of water has poured over the seas since that fateful day, Nov. 16, 1933!

If we had known then what we know now, would we have taken that tragic step?

Perhaps it is in order to have a fleeting look at fairly recent history as we review in our minds the disillusioning record of the last quarter of a century.

Sixteen long years had come and gone since the Communists took over the Russian government, before the United States agreed to resume diplomatic relations with that country.

However, during those 16 years Russia had become one of the heaviest purchasers of American-made products. As early as 1930 the Soviet Union stood sixth in the list of our foreign customers.

Later, many large Russian orders were switched to England and other European countries that long before had recognized the new regime in Russia.

In the administrations of Wilson, Harding, Coolidge and Hoover there was a fixed policy to withhold recognition of the Soviet government, pending three firm commitments by the latter.

These were: Full compensation for the private property of American citizens and business firms that had been confiscated in Russia; recognition of the debt owed to the United States for war munitions in the several months of 1917 between the overthrow of the czarist government and the time when the Soviet assumed power; and definite assurances that Communist activities against the government and institutions of this country would be terminated.

However, when much Russian trade was diverted from the United States to other countries, a clamor arose for recognition.

In the ensuing negotiations the Soviet Union agreed to comply with all of the American demands. And so came official recognition—just 25 years ago.

It is unnecessary to comment here on how, in the intervening years, Russia has walked brazenly on every item included in that commitment.

It is interesting to note the propaganda that is abroad in the land today for similar recognition of Communist China. Chinese trade is a vital motive back of these arguments, the same as Russian trade was an important factor in establishing diplomatic relations with the Soviets 25 years ago.

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## Washington Scene . . . By George Dixon

### Bender Investigates by Mail; Saving on Overhead

FORMER Sen. George H. Bender should be hailed as the originator of a radically new philosophy of investigation. The forward-looking Ohio Republican is still busy a day by James R. Hoffa and the Teamsters Union to investigate James R. Hoffa and the Teamsters Union.



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But he appears to have broken with the rusty old tradition that an investigation should be encumbered with investigation. As nearly as I can make out, he is publishing the union's investigation by mail.

The Great Bender has always been a lively patron of the Post Office, as someone of us who need to get three Christmas cards from him every year can testify. But he never really stormed the heights of penmanship until now. He is sending letters to the leading vessels in the

Despatch of Hoffa asking them if they have any gangsters, racketeers, or unworthy characters in their locale.

Think of the imagination this break with old folk customs entailed! The new Bender system permits investigation with almost no overhead—no investigators per diem all over the country, no certified accountants checking the thefts, no counsel preparing cases and asking interminable questions that only get Fifth Amendment answers anyway.

About all that's needed is a steno and a stenell. For the first time, it puts investigation within reach of the masses.

Moreover, think how beautifully direct it is—how it eliminates the middlemen, like Sen. John McClellan of Arkansas! The Bender letters ask regional and local union heads if they harbor any of sullied virtue. Who would have more first hand information about this than many of the recipients?

ONE WHO will presumably

open the trusting questionnaire anonymously with the frankness for which he is noted, is N. Louis (Jab) Triscara, president of Local 436 in Bender's home community of Cleveland. Mr. Triscara appeared before the McClellan Committee here and established himself as a great believer in the Constitution, particularly Amendment V. He is a convicted robber, with a record of numerous arrests. He has not found union work unprofitable. His 1957 income was \$123,338.20—although Chief Committee Counsel Robert F. Kennedy was unkind enough to suggest he was worth only the last two digits.

Former Senator Bender has never gone to the Senate racket probes for any information about Hoffa or the Teamsters Union, although both Senator McClellan and Chief Counsel Kennedy have offered it to him. It would entail a 50-cent taxi ride to Capitol Hill from his investigation mailing room, and this would cut into his 50-cent day.

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## Bender Praises Hoffa's 'Cleanup'

(Dispatch Washington Bureau)  
WASHINGTON, NOV. 17.—Other persons may think Teamsters chief James R. Hoffa is doing nothing, or less than necessary, to clean up corruption out of his union.

But former Ohio Sen. George R. Bender, who gets paid \$250 a day, is head of an "anti-racketeering commission" appointed by Hoffa. He says the union chief is giving him "wonderful co-operation."

"The Teamsters," says Bender, "is the only organization really doing something about cleaning house."

HE PRAISES Hoffa for the "wonderful co-operation" he has given the commission since its establishment last September.

The Ohio Republican's words of praise for Hoffa came on the heels of a charge last week by anti-racketeering committee members assigned to a 10-day tour of the union. They said Hoffa has thwarted their cleanup efforts.

The Senate Rackets Committee, which is investigating the Teamsters, calls Hoffa a threat to the nation and the AFL-CIO brands him an out-law and a scoundrel with clean anoints.

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ALTHOUGH the monitors have asked District Judge F. Dickinson Lett to abolish his commission, Chairman Bender made it clear that he has no intention of quitting. Teamster sources also said there are no plans to disband the panel.

Bender said his commission is "very active" and doing "a thorough job" of investigating corruption charges.

He reported the commission has consulted prosecuting attorneys and other law-enforcement officials throughout the country to follow up leads uncovered by the Senate Rackets Committee.

STILL SENSITIVE about the skeptical reception accorded his commission in the press, Bender refused to disclose any details about his work.

Another source close to the Teamsters said the commission has not yet offered any recommendations to Hoffa, but plans to meet soon with the union president. Recommendations may be presented then.

When newspapers played up his \$250 daily fee, Bender emphasized that commission members are paid only for days actually worked. He later said he would donate his fees to charity.



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## Mr. Hoffa's Mr. Bender Is All for Mr. Hoffa

By LEE M. COHN  
Star Staff Writer

Mr. Senator George F. Bender is pleased by the way James R. Hoffa is pushing in to fight Teamsters Union corruption.

The Teamsters is the only organization really doing something about cleaning house," the Ohio Republican said today. — the \$250-per-day chairman of an "anti-racketeering commission" appointed last August by Mr. Hoffa, president of the union.

Court-appointed — editors added — to police the union charged last week that Mr. Hoffa has thwarted their cleanup efforts. The Senate-Racketeering Committee, still investigating the Teamsters, calls Mr. Hoffa a threat to the Nation. The AFL-CIO brands him an anti-law man to associate with clean unionists.

But Mr. Bender praised the Teamster chief for "wonderful co-operation."

Although the monitors have asked District Judge F. Dickinson Letts to strip his commission, Chairman Bender made it clear that he has no intention of quitting. Teamster sources also said there are no plans to defend the panel.

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Meanwhile, there was no indication of when Judge Letts will rule on the monitors' request for power to make Mr. Hoffa obey cleanup orders. The judge took the case under advisement after a court hearing last week.

His ruling could decide the future of the Bender commission, along with Mr. Hoffa's plan to get rid of the monitors by running for re-election at a special convention next March.

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# Hoffa Having Ball Probing Himself

VICTOR RIESEL: INSIDE LABOR

My exclusive for today is the report that James R. Hoffa, in a burst of dedication to free and open competition is officially in the anti-racketeering business.

Reflecting his genius for organization, James, the Riddle, has set up a subsidiary which is known as The Anti-Racketeering Commission. (Do I hear anybody saying that the percentages are all in his favor?)

As Hoffa any tycoon, his subsidiary is to do with national wild life as guarded by the Dept. of Interior. And there is, of course, an expensive executive suite with an impressive address—505 East Standard Oil Building, Washington, D. C.

When you want to contact the commission's chief, his name is George Bender. His phone number is Sterling 3-3295. You must phone him early, for he is a devoted man now engaged in making the Teamsters a more perfect union for Jim Hoffa.

This keeps them both, Bender and Hoffa, busy. For they just can't seem to pin down any of "those rumors." And you know how sickening crime and corruption in the Teamsters Union is a do-it-yourself outfit and won't go nosing around that McClellan committee.

So, it can be exclusively reported here that Hoffa's Anti-Racketeering Commission has gone right to the source, the Teamsters' 100-odd locals. It is asking these local officials if they, by any chance, have run into any racketeering. If so, please let ex-Sen. Bender know.

I HAVE evidence to prove that Hoffa's Anti-Racketeering Commission is in business. On Oct. 23, Mr. Bender dispatched a hitherto unreported letter to all local Teamster chiefs. It said, in part: "Briefly the Anti-Racketeering Commission has been assigned responsibility of investigating and making recommendations with respect to: 1) all charges made by the McClellan Committee of racketeering in the Teamsters Union; 2) infiltration of racketeers or gangsters in local and international union offices; 3) any alliance with racketeers or gangsters at any level of the international union or its subordinate bodies.

"Our Commission is no white-wash commission... The Commission accepted the assignment in that spirit. We have been given a free hand...

"In the course of our investigations, we may be calling on you for further information relating to the activities of certain individuals mentioned before the McClellan Committee. We do not

intend to take the committee's word alone. We want all the facts. We would like to know if there have been any cases of racketeering or gangster alliances in your local. If there have been none, tell us.

Mr. Bender winds up by saying to the local chiefs: some of whom know him well for they supported him for re-election to the Senate, from Ohio, by saying that he knows the boys are busy, but please write anyway.

We always like to be of help. So if the boys don't write, I know where Mr. Bender can get much of the information he seeks. Ap- parently he's overlooked one source. I quote a crusading fellow by the name of Robert Kennedy, chief counsel to the Senate Racket- busting committee:

"We have never had any communication or any request for any information from the so-called Anti-racketeering Commission."

Kennedy tells me: "We have accumulated a considerable amount of evidence on Mr. Hoffa and his partners. Mr. Bender is welcome to all this."

Whenever he is ready, Bender can save considerable time, energy and Teamster money simply by sending down the street for this evidence and taking appropriate action against Mr. Hoffa.

A line on this evidence is reflected in what Sen. McClellan re- ported some weeks ago. He said there were 141 Teamster officials about whom his committee received derogatory information or testimony. Of these, 73 refused to answer 3,044 questions on the grounds that the answers would incriminate the union officials.

Surely ex-Sen. Bender remembers the address of the Senate office building. He used to work there.

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## Seek Crime Records of Union Heads

By ROBERT MATER  
Press Washington Writer

WASHINGTON — Teamster boss James Hoffa's "anti-rackets" committee is asking 4000 law enforcement officials for criminal records involving union leaders.

This abrupt approach to ferreting out bad officials is gaining r-m's. A source close to the three-man committee said rapids are bringing new evidence about union leaders therefore free of taint.

Pressed for details of the roll of prosecutors, the FBI and other agencies, Committee Chairman George H. Bender, former Ohio senator, refused comment.

"We'll make our report when the time comes," Bender said.

The committee's "fact-search" covers all unions, not just Hoffa's Teamsters.

Working in almost complete secrecy, Bender and Judge Ira W. Jayne, reportedly have made recommendations to their boss, Hoffa.

Hoffa is said to be talking to union officials "frightened" by the Bender committee and telling them to resign "voluntarily."

His committee colleagues, Washington Attorney F. Joseph Donohue and Detroit

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## Ask Records Of Teamster Racketeers

Hoffa's Probers Appeal  
to Police for Data on  
Union Mobsters

Washington, Nov. 12—Teamster boss James Hoffa's "anti-racketeers" committee is asking 4,900 law enforcement officials for criminal records involving union leaders.

This shotgun approach to ferreting out bad officials is getting results. A source close to the three-man committee said copies are bringing new evidence about union leaders heretofore free of taint.

Pressed for details of the pool of prosecutors, the FBI and other lawmen, committee chairman George M. Bender, former Ohio senator, refused comment.

Bender "When Time Comes"

"We'll make our report when the time comes, and not before," Bender said.

The committee's "fact-search" covers all unions, not just Hoffa's teamsters.

Washington, in a complete survey, Bender said his committee released Washington Atty. Gen. J. Edgar Hoover and Detroit Judge J. W. Joyce, reportedly have made recommendations to their boss, Hoffa.

Hoffa is exhorting talking to union officials "injured" by the Bender committee and telling them to resign voluntarily.

Refuses Comment

Bender has said from the first when his committee was named by Hoffa last August, that he would not comment if the committee's recommendations were ignored by Hoffa. Asked Tuesday whether Hoffa is cooperating, Bender refused to comment.

The McClellan Labor Racketeering Committee will resume its hearings Thursday after a two-week recess. First order of business is a probe of secondary boycotts by unions in Texas, New York, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

In December the McClellan committee will hold hearings in Washington on the Cleveland like box rackets.

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## Hoffa Committee Reports Progress

By ROBERT CRATER Scripps Howard Staff Writer

Teamster boss James Hoffa's "anti-rackets" committee is asking 4900 law enforcement officials for criminal records involving union leaders.

This shotgun approach in ferreting out bad officials is getting results. A source close to the three-man committee said replies are coming, but new evidence about union leaders heretofore free of taint.

Pressed for details of the poll of prosecutors, the FBI and other lawmen, Committee Chairman George M. Bender, former Ohio Senator, refused comment.

### VIEW

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The committee's "fact-search" covers all unions, not just Mr. Hoffa's Teamsters.

Working in almost complete secrecy, Mr. Bender and his committee colleagues, Washington Atty. F. Joseph Donohue and Detroit Judge Ira W. Jagan, reportedly have made recommendations to their boss, Hoffa.

### TALKING

Mr. Hoffa is said to be talking to union officials "finer" by the Bender committee and telling them to resign "voluntarily."

Mr. Bender has said from the first when his committee was named by Mr. Hoffa last August that he would quit if the committee's recommendations were ignored by Mr. Hoffa. Asked today whether Mr. Hoffa is co-operating, Mr. Bender again refused to comment.



—Scripps Howard Photo.  
JIMMY HOFFA

### JOB

The committee said its job was to:

1. Investigate and advise on the question of infiltration of racketeers and gangsters into the local and international union office.

2. Investigate and advise on the question of any alliance with racketeers or gangsters at any level of the international union or its subordinate units.

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# Ask Tips On Local Rackets

## Devine Is Queried By Hoffa Probers

By WINK NEWMAN

Franklin County Prosecutor Sam Devine today revealed that Teamster Boss James Hoffa's "anti-rackets" committee had asked Devine for criminal records involving local union leaders.

Devine said he has no such records and so far as he knows, local union officials are not connected with any union rackets.

THE INQUIRY was signed by George Bender, former U. S. representative of Ohio hired by Hoffa to investigate racketeering in the Teamsters. Bender heads the three-man committee appointed by Hoffa.

However, Bender's inquiry covers all areas, not just the Teamsters.

IT SAID THE committee was charged by Hoffa with investigating:

a The charges made by the McClellan Committee.

b Indications of racketeering and criminal activity.

Any contacts at all levels between unions and racketeers.

BENDER WROTE Devine he could be assured it was not just a whitewash, and asked the prosecutor to give him any information Devine might have on such cases which have come to your office.

Bender said he knew Devine does not have time to make detailed reports, but asked him simply to check the case and Bender would send representatives of the Teamsters in to check.

DEVINE SAID he has no such reports or records and if he had they would not be made available to the unofficial Teamster body.

"It is a general request, a shotgun type of thing, a fishing expedition," said Devine, "I recall nothing of the sort of thing Bender wants."

Bender sent similar inquiries to 4800 enforcement officials throughout the nation.

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### FACTS ARE ASSED

In recent months there has been a great deal of talk about corruption in high places in some of our largest unions—particularly the Teamsters union. Much of the talk has been stirred up by the results of the McClellan committee investigation.

As in the case of the weather, however, a lot of people talk about it but no one does much about it—so soon to us that this trend can now be reversed.

This past week a letter came to this desk from the office of Prosecutor James W. Freeman. The letter to Mr. Freeman was from the office of George H. Bender, former United States senator from Ohio. Mr. Bender has been named by the executive board of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to head a committee to investigate racketeering and corruption charges within the union.

This doesn't appear to us to be a white-wash. Other members of the committee include J. Joseph Donhue, former president of the board of commissioners of the District of Columbia and former special prosecutor for the department of justice, and J. W. Jayne, retired chief justice of the circuit court of the State of Michigan and a professor of law at Wayne university.

The committee, it seems to us, has taken a step in the right direction by soliciting the aid of all the prosecuting attorneys in this area in a "grass roots" effort at a thorough investigation.

The committee is seeking to ascertain evidence of: 1—all charges made by the senate select committee on improper activities in labor on racketeering in the Teamsters union; 2—infiltration of racketeers or gangsters into local and international union offices; 3—any alliance with racketeers or gangsters at any level of the international union or its subordinate bodies.

The letter to Mr. Freeman asked for any information he might have that is related to this subject.

Mr. Freeman, on his part, is interested in information on corrupt practice of any kind in any labor organization.

From here on it's up to the citizens of the community—as it should be. Neither Mr. Bender's group or the prosecutor's office can function properly without the complete cooperation of a civic-minded citizenry.

So it appears that the time has come to stop talking and start acting. In the past some bits of information on the subject have been received but not enough to warrant prosecution. Mr. Freeman is now soliciting

concrete evidence of racketeering or corruption practices in any local union and has pledged that such information will be treated in the strictest confidence. Grand jury action and prosecution are also promised wherever warranted, and such information will, of course, be forwarded to the Bender committee for appropriate action at a higher level.

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Why Probe Cincinnati?

IN HIS new role as head of the Teamsters' anti-racketeering commission, former Sen. George H. Bender was ill-advised to pick out Cincinnati as a place to seek evidence of crime.

Why Cincinnati? Most of the Teamsters' Union members here do not like their national boss, Jimmy Hoffa, though he has pockets of minority support. As president of the Cincinnati Teamsters' Joint Council, James T. Luken was one of the most outspoken opponents of Hoffa in the country.

What's more, the local branch has widely been obeying the law, as Hamilton County Prosecutor C. Watson Hoyer has just told Mr. Bender. In fact, the Prosecutor's records show only one case since 1951 in which a union member (a cleaning and dyer worker) was arrested, tried and convicted of a felony—giving false information to obtain credit. But that sort of offense is not rare among non-union people. The sporadic cases of violence on the picket line do not often reach a grand jury.

If Mr. Bender wants evidence of corruption and crime in the Hoffa union, why doesn't he look into the tangled web of New York, Philadelphia, Detroit or Flint? Even better, he should stay at home in Cleveland, where there is a good deal to investigate. In Cincinnati he would be wasting his time—unless, of course, he is only seeking a highly localized clean bill of health.



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Hover Writes Bender:

Little Work Here  
For Union Probe

Former Sen. George H. Bender intends to probe in the Cincinnati area in his new role as head of the Teamsters anti-racketeering commission. But he won't do much to work with here, according to C. W. Hoover, Hamilton County Prosecutor.

Hoover revealed yesterday that Bender wrote October 27 for information pertaining to Teamsters anti-racketeering charges of the McClellan Senate Rackets Committee.

Bender asked for any information the Prosecutor might possess on infiltration of gangsters into local and international Teamsters offices, or information on any "connections" with racketeers or gangsters at any level.

Bender said he would send his own investigators to Cincinnati to work on any cases Hoover might single out.

Hoover answered his letter yesterday. Since 1951, he wrote, his research has been on the subject of a union member on which was the subject matter of a criminal charge.

That was the case of the State vs. Harry Friedman, former financial secretary of Local 8, AFL Canning & Dye House Workers.

Friedman was indicted in July, 1953, on charges of blackmail, giving false information to obtain credit and giving false information to an application for reemployment of title to an automobile.

A jury convicted him of giving false information to obtain credit and he was sentenced to one to six years in the penitentiary.

His other charges were dismissed after trials with out jury. The blackmail indictment charged that he attempted to obtain \$1000 from a dry cleaning company official here by threatening injury to the cleaning plant.

Hoover's letter said Friedman was refused probation on two more occasions when the court noted, he had a previous criminal record in Cleveland.

Hoover wrote that only one other case involving a union official had come before him since 1951.

That, he said, was a charge of embezzlement of funds and forgery against a local union official. Hoover wrote that the case was ignored by a grand jury and properly so because of evidence of malice in the charge on the part of an unsuccessful candidate to office in the union.

Hoover said his office has received complaints from time to time of alleged improper union activity, but on the part of union officials here.

But, he wrote, investigation has indicated that the complaints have been invariably without substance, or not accompanied by sufficient credible evidence to justify criminal proceedings.

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## Bender Says Probe Is No 'Whitewash'

By ED SCHAEFER  
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

Investigation by the Teamsters International union into leadership of some Minneapolis Teamster unions is going to be no "whitewash," heads of local unions have been informed.

George M. Bender, former senator from Ohio and chairman of an anti-racketeering commission set up by the Teamsters on appointment by James R. Hoffa, Teamster president, has sent or is sending letters to heads of several Minneapolis Teamster unions.

Washington sources close to Bender said the Minneapolis Teamsters are being informed "... we may be calling on you for further information relating to activities of certain individuals mentioned before the McClellan (senate investigating) committee."

The Teamster commission was set up by Hoffa to investigate each of the Teamsters mentioned in testimony before the McClellan committee.



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At the time Hoffa named Bender, F. Joseph Donohue, former special prosecutor for the department of justice, and Ira W. Jayne, retired chief judge of Michigan supreme court, to the commission, he told McClellan "our general executive board intends to demonstrate that we are motivated by the highest principles of trade unionism."

By coincidence or otherwise, the Minneapolis inquiry is getting under way at the same time several Minneapolis Teamster unions are preparing for nomination and election of officers for new three or four year terms. Two of the unions have nominalizing meetings this week.

Hoffa has said, however, that he intends to maintain a "heads off" policy so far as the elections are concerned.

Bender and other commission members will be interested principally, presumably, in activities in Minneapolis. Gerald P. Connolly, head of a now-defunct Teamster union here who is completing a federal sentence for taking money from an employer.

Connolly no longer is involved in Minneapolis labor affairs but the inquiry inevitably will draw in three Minneapolis Teamster officials who are up for possible re-election.

They are Sidney L. Brennan and Eugene Williams of Drivers local 868 and Jack J. Jorgensen of Warehousemen local 359.

They were convicted with Connolly of taking money from the Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. which was trying to settle a dispute with the United Mine Workers union. The company and a vice president also were fined, with Connolly getting the only prison sentence.

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Bender says, in the letter being mailed to Minneapolis Teamster officials, that the commission has been given a free hand by Hoffa and "our commission is no whitewash commission."

Bender also says he has no intention of taking the McClellan committee's word alone about wrongdoing by some Teamster officials. "We want all the facts," Bender says.

The commission demands to know, in cases where there was testimony about racketeering or gangster alliances with a Teamster local, "what action has been taken officially to eliminate such elements."

"If there has been no such action, tell us," Bender instructs the Teamster officials.

There has been no indication when the commission will come to Minneapolis.

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## Teamsters' Prober Asks Carroll Aid

Former United States Sen. George H. Bender, chairman of the anti-racketeering commission set up by the General Executive Board of the International Teamsters' Union, asked aid of King County Prosecutor Charles O. Carroll yesterday.

Bender wrote Carroll that the commission has been assigned to investigate and make recommendations regarding:

- 1—Charges by the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in Labor, of racketeering in the Teamsters Union.
- 2—Infiltration of local union offices by gangsters or racketeers.
- 3—Any alliances with racketeers or gangsters at any level of the union.

BENDER'S LETTER said he assured the prosecutor that the commission has been given a free hand and that "it is no whitewash commission."

Bender asked that Carroll make available any information he has which is applicable to the inquiry. Carroll said he will do so.

Two of the three trustees set up by an Eastern federal court to oversee the Teamsters' Union, and U. S. Sen. John L. McClellan of Arkansas, chairman of the committee mentioned by Bender, have all taken a dim view of Bender's commission, which was set up at the suggestion of the union's congressional president, James M. Hoffa.

The trustees view the commission as duplicating their own work, a needless expense to the union.

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### Teamster Racket Evidence Sought

State's Attorney John B. Anderson has been asked to report local evidence of racketeering in the Teamsters union to the Teamsters and racketeering commission.

In a letter from George H. Bender, commission chairman, Anderson was asked for his cooperation with the watchdog committee.

Anderson said he has no evidence of racketeering in Rockford area Teamsters union, but he said he will cooperate if the commission requires.



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IN ATMOSPHERE OF SECRECY—

# Hoffa Begins Weeding Out Pals He Must Oust

BY LOWELL K. BRIDGELL  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa now is deciding which of his rackets must go.

The Teamsters' anti-rackets committee, headed by former Sen. George H. Bender, Ohio Republican, is conducting a final hearing this week. Each man slated to be ousted is called before the committee and given the opportunity and power to defend himself.

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unfairly." No announcement is to be made here of those officials who resign. Hoffa, instead, has decided each resignation can be made known publicly in the individual's home city.

Other labor news:

- Capital Airlines' 2300 mechanics have voted to strike rather than accept a contract settlement recommended by a presidential emergency board. No date was set.
- The United Auto Workers and Caterpillar Tractor Co. broke off negotiations indefinitely last night, and a strike of 12,000 workers continued.

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## 15 to 20 Teamster Officials Marked to Get the Boot

By LOWELL R. BISHOP

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—A small group of Teamster Union officials have been marked for elimination from the truckers' union.

Teamster boss James Hoffa's personal anti-rackets committee will start secret hearings next week to help boot them out.

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Will Resign.

The Benders committee, after listening to each of the men on its list, will tell Hoffa their continued association with the Teamsters is "embarrassing and detrimental" to the union. The committee won't recommend they be fired.

Hoffa is expected to call in each man and "talk" with him about the cleanup committee's recommendations. Each man is expected to resign "voluntarily."

Hoffa strongly indicated the cleanup pattern he would follow when he told the Senate labor racket committee last month:

"I don't propose to remove people from office. I think if you have any persuasive way



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at all that you can talk to individuals who will take care of their own problems.

Original Plan Vetoed.

"I haven't directly told anybody here to resign and I don't think I will have to tell anybody in the future to resign. I think by a matter of discussion and common sense, they themselves will relieve themselves from the payroll and we will correct the situation within the Teamsters union without taking any drastic action."

Following this course, Hoffa vetoed an original plan under which Benders' committee would recommend the firing of various officials.

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of escapades involving the union—including racketeering, misuse of union funds, violence and other acts.

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## Bender "Fingers" Bad Teamsters 4

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# Hoffa Sets Probe of 3 City Teamsters Up for Election

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By EDWARD SCHAFER  
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WASHINGTON—The Teamster International union is adopting a "hands off" policy in renomination and election of officers of Minneapolis Teamster locals this fall.

But at the same time, James R. Hoffa, Teamster general president, declared today in an exclusive interview with the Minneapolis Star that three top Minneapolis Teamsters, up for reelection, will be called before the anti-racketeering committee of the House to be questioned about their convictions in federal court.



Hoffa Brennan Williams Jorgensen

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Appearance before the committee, and subsequent recommendations to the Teamster international executive board, could have profound effect on the future of the Teamster officials nervously awaiting the election.

The three to be questioned are Sidney L. Brennan, secretary-treasurer, and Eugene Williams, recording secretary of General Drivers Union 544, and Jack J. Jorgensen, secretary-treasurer of Warehousemen's local 353.

The three were fined, along with Gerald P. Connelly, who next month will finish serving a prison sentence as a result of the conviction, for a conspiracy to defraud the Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., which was trying at that time to settle a labor dispute with the United Mine Workers Union.

The company and a company officer also were fined under a federal labor law violation that nothing of value can pass between representatives of a

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union and a company which employs members of that union.

While the vast bulk of ADM employees are members of the Mine Workers union, the company does employ a half dozen Teamsters.

Brennan is a former international vice president of the union and Jorgensen is president of the Teamsters joint council, composed of 14 Teamster locals in the top two-thirds of Minneapolis.

"They're running on their own—with no support from the international," said Hoffa. He added the international there will take no official action against any of the Minneapolis officers, at least until they have appeared before the anti-racketeering committee.

The committee, composed of former Sen. George Brennan, Ira W. Jayne and F. Joseph Donoghue, was appointed several weeks ago by Hoffa to show the Teamsters are doing something about getting rid of some people mentioned in testimony before the McClellan investigating committee of the senate.

Hoffa said the three would be called before the Teamster committee "maybe in about 20 days, and not more than 30 days from now."

They will tell their side of the story and the committee will make recommendations relative to their fitness to hold office in the Teamsters to the international executive board.

The board will decide on a course of action at its next regular meeting.

Hoffa said names of Brennan, Jorgensen and Williams were referred to the Teamster committee in routine fashion along with the names of numerous other persons mentioned in McClellan committee testimony.

Hoffa said the Teamsters had conducted their own investigation of various persons named during the McClellan investigation, and found that 16 of the persons named never had a

membership card in the Teamsters or anything to say about running Teamster locals.

Harold Gibbons, Teamster executive vice president, who sat in on the interview, added that 46 persons investigated by the Teamsters since the senate hearings began had "voluntarily" left jobs in the Teamsters union.

Hoffa conceded he had made a misstatement when he testified before the McClellan committee that Minneapolis union officials had woo re-election since their conviction. It was a "vote of confidence" the Minneapolis officials got, Hoffa said, and had nothing to do with a return to union office, he learned after testifying.

Hoffa said he was told at the recent Chicago meeting of the central conference of Teamsters that at least Brennan and Edward A. Bixt, president of Minneapolis local 544, will have opposition when they come up for renomination in the local's November membership meeting and December election.

Hoffa said he made it clear in Chicago that he didn't even want to know who was running for Teamster office, because he would be accused of taking sides. A friendly gesture of Hoffa in behalf of any Teamster candidate would assure his election.

There was talk in Minneapolis some months ago that an "opposition" ticket was being cooked up to run against Brennan and Bixt, but a recent check showed nothing concrete had developed.

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### Mr. Bender's Position

Your editorial "Tarnished Prestige" of Sept. 26 admitted that it shocked me. My mind went back to 1933 when The Post carried a Herblock cartoon showing Congressman Bender perfecting a fair play code for congressional investigations, plus a supporting editorial.

During my 26 years of service as Ohio State Senator, Ohio Congressman-at-Large, District Congressman and elected U. S. Senator, The Post has been fair to me regarding the various efforts I have put forth for fair labor practices and civil rights for all our citizens regardless of the color of their skins.

Through the years, The Post and I seemed to agree that in this republic, the individual is sovereign, that he deserves fair play in the courts, before Congress and yes even in the press. Above all, he should not be prejudged. That is why your editorial seemed so incongruous.

It said in effect that George Bender, by accepting appointment as chairman of the Teamsters Union clean up committee from James Hoffa, was selling his soul for a mess of pottage. Moreover, that the primary function of the committee was to apply whitewash.

The editorial began by talking about "the sad case" of George Bender. Despite the wishes of many reactionary forces in Ohio and elsewhere, I am hardly a sad case because I am both financially and spiritually sound. Neither my family nor myself needs Teamster money nor that of anybody else. We have enjoyed life for decades and we are humble before God.

I shall not affect a new life or become vapid all of a sudden to conform to the judgment of your editorial writer. I am certain that the two distinguished Americans with long records of fighting for fair play appointed with me in the Housecleaning job

masquerading as stooges any more than I am.

The truth is that I accepted the great challenge, dedicated to the proposition that though all is not well within America's foremost union, George Bender would do something about it. It is true that James Hoffa asked me to accept this chore. It is also true that there were no reservations attached to the offer by James Hoffa or anyone else.

It is true that the Teamsters pay me \$250 each working day for my efforts. I have already said how I would use this money. I am one of those old-fashioned Americans who believe that fair play and due process are an important part of the American Heritage. I accepted the post offered me by James Hoffa because I believe that it is tremendously important that the Teamsters Union, with its 1.6 million members, strategically important, should be operated on a clean and decent basis.

I do not, and never have, subscribed to the idea that Mr. Hoffa does not want to head a clean union. Many of his troubles are ancient, inherited situations that go back to Beck's—yes, even Dan Tobin's regime. The spirit of the vendetta against Mr. Hoffa, against the Teamsters, against the whole labor movement, will cure nothing. I'm sure it won't make anybody President.

It does seem odd that some men who urge the defiance of the Supreme Court in their own states are such sticklers for lawful behavior of the Teamsters.

All I ask is that you give my committee an opportunity to function. See whether I am a stooge or whether I am what I really am, viz., a free agent under no obligation to anyone other than to make recommendations for the revitalization of America's largest trade union.

GEORGE H. BENDER

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## Don't Think Bender That Naive

Now we're told that George Bender, the former Ohio Representative and U. S. Senator, is going to turn over to charity the \$250 a day to be paid to him as head of Jimmy Hoffa's three-man clean-up committee.

"Compassionate circumstances," Bender says he doesn't need the money. He took the appointment from Hoffa, to use his own words, "for what good I can do."

It could be that Bender doesn't need the money. But it would look like his pay is some of the truck drivers who like to be dug in the Hoffa man which will pay the committee.

What with office expenses, telephone bills and the like, Bender's committee and special committee probably will run through half a million dollars in the first year of operation.

This may look like small change to both Bender and to Mr. Hoffa. And it would be money well spent if it contributed anything to speeding up the housecleaning process in the Teamsters Union.

A specially appointed Bender board and the McClellan committee have already pointed the way. The trouble all starts with the top leadership. The cure must begin there too.

Only the naive could hope that a committee appointed by Hoffa-Bender will:

1. Remove a single Hamilton from the International Teamsters Union.
2. Run a single one of the trucking companies now run by Hoffa and his boys.
3. Bring back the welfare and pension funds that have been looted by high officers in the international.

We don't think Mr. Bender is that naive.

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### Fights and Sounds— Milt Widder

**OFF THE CUFF:** A big realty deal—amounting to better than \$750,000—is in the making for the three former Keyway Painter properties on Euclid Ave. at E. 66th St. Metropolitan Management, acting for a group of Cleveland clients, is in the final stage of closing the deal. An Ashland man now owns the buildings.



The county's Democrats made more than \$25,000 on their street roast at Euclid Beach Park Sunday when U. S. Senator John Kennedy was the attraction. The take was bigger than in previous years (close to \$25,000), but expenses were heavier. Estimates of former U. S. Sen. George Bender begged him not to take the Legislature Union cleanup job—but he persisted.

The party for Jean DeMontalambert, sweep for Hammer Wine, by the Grant Western champagne people at the CAC, was a huge success with 40 of Jean's close friends on hand to help him mark 25 years with the wine makers. Mike Obarnauer, youthful head of Grant Western, flew in for the occasion and Jean's associates bought him a Tiffany clock.

Red Valley, singer and actor, is due here for a one-nighter Oct. 30 at Hotel Carter for a show at the National Assn. of Officers, meeting. . . . County Treasurer Frank Brennan parties 25-year veterans of his office at the Tudor Arms tonight.

In town for two days is Alexis Libbina, American and French wine expert, owner of several estates and famous vineyards, visiting Jürgen von Lottwitz, in Shaker. . . . Also due here today is Jules Schermer, ex-Youngstown and brother Phil Sig, who is producer of the new TV show "Lawman," coming next month.

**MAN OF DISTINCTION** is Leslie G. Brownlee Jr., Look's adman here who lives

### Midweek Bits Churned Up by a Butter and Egg Man

on County Line Rd., Hillbrook Apartments, in Novelty. His picture in four colors appears in slick mag ads (including Holiday and New Yorker) currently, telling about the goodness of Puerto Rican rum. "I brought the glad news back to Cleveland," proclaims his quote.

For that testimonial he got a case of Roatco and a five-day trip to the Caribe Hilton in San Juan with his wife, Durinda. Brownlee is shown in his golf togs. He's a two-handicap player, shoots at the Country Club. The Brownlees move soon to Douglas Rd., Shaker Heights.

**CELEBRATIONS:** Three surprise parties, and a bronze plaque from his staff marked Bill Laveman's 65th birthday; he's chief at Burdette Oxygen. . . . Milton and Frances Hallie mark their 55th wedding date Saturday with a trip to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Phoenix Dye Works, with headquarters in Chicago and a branch here, has taken over the Morgan Dye branch on Clinton Ave. . . . New board members of the Cleveland Opera Assn., the group that brings the concerts here are Fred C. Leason, Bill Daley (prexy of the Indians) and Walter Grahski, auto dealer.

Gleefully the Terrace Swim Club's board (that place is for single folk only) announces the first romance that developed out in Bedford Heights: Patricia Falk and Doug Meacham, title man, are marrying Saturday. . . . Sterling Graham, Forest City Publishing boss, moves out of an apartment in a Kirtland home; there he'll raise cattle, practice playing the drums.

**HULA HOOPS** are helpful at the Rosemary Home for Crippled Children out on Euclid; Karen Erdman, head of the physical therapy department finds. Handicapped children love to use them. Trouble is Mrs. Erdman doesn't know where to get smaller hoops; the regulation size is too large for the patients.



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### TALKING IT OVER By Dwight Young

George Bender appears to be experiencing terrific difficulty convincing the public—namely, the labor union and women in particular—of the integrity of his latest assignment, namely persuading a clean bill of health for the International Teamsters union.

To be sure, he has undertaken a terrific job as everybody above the dirt level well realizes, and Mr. Bender, despite the various public statements that have accentuated his kaleidoscopic changes, certainly cannot be fairly charged with cowardice. So we must assume he is well aware of the uphill responsibility he has accepted with such somber gravity.

As far as he has succeeded in scoring one somewhat minor point. He has produced bank records to prove that he returned the \$1,000 the Teamsters' treasury sent him under date of Aug. 16 as a fee for a survey he planned to make of state anti-trust legislation on behalf of the Teamsters.

Bender's canceled return check for a like amount was dated Aug. 24. Apparently there was some conflict between the anti-trust act and the clean-up assignment. Anyhow, Bender emerged the victor in that preliminary brush with the contra racketeering committee.

However, he has been less fortunate with reference to his Sept. 8 announcement in Cleveland that he will turn over to "charity" all of the fees he will receive as chairman of the three-man investigating committee personally named by Jimmy Hoffa, president of the Teamsters, to ferret out corruption, racketeering, hoodlums and union funds thieves in this 1,300,000-member group of organized labor.

Mr. Bender's stipulated fee is \$250 a day. When he was asked by reporters to specify what charity or charities would benefit from this largesse, he replied he had not yet decided. To this he added, "I don't need the money. I'm in comfortable circumstances. Anyhow, it's not a 30-days-a-month job. We'll probably work three or four days a week."

Presumably all Americans, regardless of politics, have varying degrees of sympathy for Sherman Adams and his wife, Rachel. There also is universal regret, I am sure, that so many men in public life are unable to keep their noses clean throughout their careers.

That was Sherman Adams' trouble. He had gone up and down the land preaching morality in government. He used blistering language in publicly castigating some of his predecessors in the national government whose offenses were no greater than his own in accepting expensive gifts from a Boston millionaire industrialist and making guarded inquiry of federal trade commission officials from his desk in the White House about the status of certain cases then before the commission in which his millionaire friend was interested.

It was the same identical Sherman Adams, then governor of New Hampshire, who raised the shrill cry of "Stop This!" against Bob Taft at the 1952 Republican national convention in Chicago. Adams was referring to the manner in which delegates had been selected in Texas and Georgia.

He knew that Taft was no more responsible for those actions than he was, himself. But he, with Dewey, Stassen and Lodge, was out to beat Taft in his bid for the presidential nomination, and he pulled no punches. I know that historical political battleground intimately, because I was there helping cover the convention on this newspaper.

So, somehow deep down in my heart this morning, I find it easy to understand what a great many Republicans in Ohio and other states meant when, after reading the text of Mr. Adams' resignation, they simply altered the 11-letter word, RETRIBUTION. And they say so right. Who is there among us qualified to say nay to that suggestion?

At another point in the interview he said: "I accepted the assignment for the good I can do. We will make recommendations, and if they are not followed we will quit."

When politicians, as well as the rest of the human race, blantly declare they are not interested in income, whether it be fee or salary, eyebrow lifting is a human impulse. And George Bender's first and enduring love has been politics. He has been many things, among them a representative-at-large in congress from Ohio and a United States senator. But before that he was chairman of the Cuyahoga county Republican committee, with which he reportedly still maintains an intimate relationship.

So, for the time being, it appears we shall have to wait and see what happens. Hoffa is on "the spot" unquestionably. So, in a sense, are Bender and his two associates on the "clean-up" committee. And the public, to say nothing of untold thousands of Teamsters union members and the AFL-CIO international bosses, is in no mood for a splash of whitewash.

Last week Hoffa made his first request of his brand new anti-racketeering committee. He called for a thorough investigation of corruption charges against Babe Triscaro, president of a Cleveland Teamsters local.

This department, of course, is less familiar with the intricacies of modern hoodlumism than is the experienced Mr. Hoffa, but it feels moved to suggest that, as a time-saver, the Bender committee reverse the apparent order, start at the top and work down. Why not open up on the biggest offender of them all, Hoffa himself? The small fry can be easily handled once the "biggies" have been disposed of.



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Learning the Lingo

(From the Columbus Citizen)

Informed that his appointment as \$250-a-day clean-up man for the Teamsters union was under congressional investigation, ex-Sen. George Bender snapped:

"I have no idea about it, and care less."

George may have been on the Teamsters payroll only a short time, but already he's talking just like a Teamster bigshot.

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## Bender Slightly Bent

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## When Is A 'Friend' A Friend?

So George Bender is a good friend of Ohio Teamsters boss William Presser!

Taken at face value, that is bad for Bender. But there is one point to be considered: What constitutes a "good friend" of men who often make public addresses — men such as politicians and union leaders.

No doubt, all of us have heard an over-expansive speaker refer to "my good friend" when the person mentioned was possibly only a speaking acquaintance.

In such the case with Bender and Presser? Surely with all the investigations, charges and countercharges in the air at the moment, we shall soon find out.

It is true that Bender is heading the investigation within the Teamster Union itself. But surely, this cannot be considered a major wrong. While in the House of Representatives, Bender conducted an investigation of the Ohio Teamsters in Cleveland and Washington. With that background, he is qualified, perhaps as much as anyone, to presently seek out the corruptness reputedly lurking in the top brackets of the union.

As the ex-senator himself has said, if his efforts result in the cleanup of the Teamsters, he will have performed a valuable service not only to the union but also to the country. Has that not

been the purpose of the various committee investigations?

Bender has put himself in a vulnerable position. In entering the employ of the Teamsters he has allowed his name to be associated with those of some pretty undesirable persons. Their actions are not exactly known for being the most ethical.

The \$1800 check from the Teamsters to Bender, recently cited by his critics as an example of questionable dealing, points up an example of the dangers he has encountered and will continue to encounter. What the Teamsters had in mind in issuing the check has not been reported. Bender, however, insists that the check was returned and has told his critics where they could find the substantiation of the return. Whatever the purpose of the check, Bender would have been incriminating himself and he kept it. A "good friend" of Presser's, however, might have felt no qualms about accepting such a check. But Bender returned it.

Perhaps the Ohioan's critics found they had laid the proverbial egg in mentioning the check only to learn that it had been returned. But they were not to be so easily discouraged. By scraping the bottom of the barrel, they came up with Presser's reference to Bender as a "good friend."

If Bender is to succeed in his probe of the Teamsters and, at the same time, keep his own name clear, he will have to be extremely careful.



# COMMENTS ON THE LABOR SCENE



"Even Achilles had his heel."



"Everybody's doin' it!"



"Jimmy the first."

## HOFFA TAKES OFFENSIVE TO SOLIDIFY HIS CONTROL

He Moves to Get Rid of Monitors as  
They Demand He Purge Teamsters

By A. M. BASKIN

James R. Hoffa, who has  
weathered his way through Sen-  
ate racket hearings, Federal  
court trials and expulsion from  
the organized labor movement,  
has finally come up against a  
force troublesome enough to  
make him worry.

Two lawyers—one genial, the  
other stern—both determined—  
have teamed up in a successful  
drive to slow down the bus  
teamster's fast-rolling truck and  
move him to start unloading  
some of the headmen who have  
been taking turns at the steer-  
ing wheel.

As subject members of the  
three-man board of trustees  
appointed by a Federal judge in  
the head on the scandal-ridden  
International Union, they have al-  
ready made Mr. Hoffa do so  
many things he doesn't want to  
do and they are in process of  
making him do so many more  
that his chief ambition is to cut

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early four years off his schedule. He then has been president and have a new election held to get the watchdog away from his back.

The man who appears likely to achieve more direct results in snuffing up the monitors than anyone and the A. P. L. I. O. equivalent are Martin P. Donoghue, an able Washington lawyer and former member of the Georgetown University law faculty, and Godfrey P. Smith, a religiously trained New Yorker who divides his time between practicing law and teaching it at Fordham.

**Back Suspensions.** They have called for the suspension of some of the gamblers turned up in the two-year inquiry by the McClellan committee. "Then far, away one in Philadelphia," he says, agent

of estimating a \$50,000 payoff—has actually been dropped.

The monitors have initiated proceedings aimed at Mr. Hoffa's two closest associates in the union high command—Owen Bert Brennan of Detroit and Harold J. Gibbons of St. Louis, both international vice presidents. At meetings to be held in Washington this week, the committee will get closer to the throne. They are scheduled to consider a petition calling for the removal of the teamster president himself.

#### Attacks Monitors

Mr. Hoffa, never conspicuous for his trust in his fellow men, has been trying to get something on his tormentors. He admitted last week that he had approached one investigator to dig up derogatory information on Mr. Schmidt. He let it be known that he was planning to petition for Mr. Schmidt's removal on charges of conflict of interest.

How much real authority the monitors have to wreck down is obscure. They have asked Judge P. Dickinson Lewis, who appointed them, to decide that their "orders of recommendation" are orders and not merely recommendations. This may set off another legal battle as complex as that which led

to the creation of the watchdog panel last January.

The issue also will have to do with whether Mr. Hoffa can put the monitors out of business by what now seems to him the highly desirable expedient of ordering a new election at a new convention next February.

If Mr. Hoffa had felt the same readiness for a new vote when his original election was challenged as a run-and-ride unit at the beginning of this year, he would have no monitors to plague him now. He agreed to a consent decree, under which he was to serve as provisional president and to have an union-designated representative—L. N. D. Wells of Dallas, counsel for the Southern Conference of Teamsters—on the board of monitors.

#### Oppose Elections

Ironically, it is now the two Hoffa critics among the union's monitors who are determined not to let him out about his term in order to stand for re-election. Even his indications that he is ready to allow the court to establish rules for the designation of local delegates and supervise the conduct of the election have not altered their conviction that a lot more cleaning-up is needed before fair votes can be held.

Mr. Hoffa is trying—with notable success—to convince the public and the court that he can be counted on to carry through a reform program without outside prodding. He has set up an "anti-racketeering" commission of his own but the monitors are certain the judge will declare it excess baggage.

Associates predict that Mr. Hoffa will pick up a broom on his own initiative and sweep out a few racketeers not yet on the monitors list. One already among the missing is Anthony (Tony Ducks) Corallo, a ranking member of New York's underworld.

If Mr. Hoffa does achieve his ambition for another election, he is unlikely to have any trouble winning, no matter how closely the voting is supervised in the locals or at the convention. His control over the organization is more absolute than it was when he was first named in Miami Beach a year ago. The only question today is whether anyone would even bother to make the race against him.

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## The Investigators And Jimmy Hoffa

Something more must be needed beyond such congressional investigations as the one which has been looking into the affairs of the Teamsters Union and Jimmy Hoffa. Despite circumstantial evidence of rampant gangsterism and totally undemocratic methods in the conduct of union affairs, Congress did not see fit to enact any legislation this year which would correct the situation. Yet, the purpose of such investigations is to provide House and Senate members with the information they need.

If the continuing inquiry into the methods and manners of Hoffa & Co. has produced any great revelation by the rank and file against the union leadership, this feeling has not been evident to the general public. It is quite possible that the psychological effect of the investigation is to make Teamsters members concerned lest their union's gigantic power may be broken as well as resentful against the union's exploitation of its supporters.

Senatorial questioning of the two union badlums is not an adequate substitute for the legal procedures which are obviously called for. And the result may have made politicians, union members, and even some members of the general public more fearful than ever of the tremendous power which a person like Hoffa can exercise.

Finally, the Senate investigation doesn't appear to have caused Hoffa himself much worry. When a board of monitors was appointed to keep an eye on Teamster affairs and to look into the manner in which Hoffa became president of this outfit, Hoffa promptly announced that he was appointing his own set of monitors—presumably to do the same thing. If anybody had cause to doubt the farcical conclusions to be reached by Hoffa's hand-picked monitors, Hoffa's idea is strongly suggested now. At least one monitor, former Senator George H. Bender of Ohio, had received a \$1,000 check for "public relations" and "personal services" from the Teamsters Union in advance of his appointment. Bender says he returned the money. But he did not decline the job.

To circumvent the legitimate monitors of his union's affairs, Hoffa has announced that he will hold a special election in February to prove that the Teamsters really want him for president. Senate committee investigators have declared that more than half the votes cast for Hoffa in this year's election were illegal under the terms of the union's constitution. If this is true and if the election this year was rigged, he seems hardly a proper candidate to be running for the union office again—even in a special election which itself may be illegal.

Somehow, the government must devise firm and effective legal means for dealing with the sinister problems of which Hoffa is a symbol. The drama of a Senate hearing, though revealing, is not enough.



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## Evidence On Bender Placed In Rackets Group Record

In August James R. Hoffa, president of the Teamsters Union, named a three-man anti-racket committee to investigate corruption in the union. This Hoffa action was taken at a time when the federal court-appointed monitors were insisting on reforms of Teamster financial records and ouster of certain hoodlums as disclosed in hearings before the Senate Rackets Committee.

Hoffa's naming of this committee was undoubtedly a move to discredit the court-appointed monitors and to back up his declarations that he was prepared to do the clean-up job.

The man placed at the head of this committee was George H. Bender, former Republican senator from Ohio.

During the hearings this week, the Rackets Committee produced records identifying Bender as receiving a \$1,000 check, a \$100 champagne bucket, political support and extravagant praise from Ohio Teamster leader Wilbur Prasser.

This praise of Bender, according to these records, came in 1954 when Bender was chairman

of a House Labor Rackets Committee which was investigating Prasser.

Sen. McClellan, chairman of the Senate Rackets Committee, produced the minutes of Teamster Union meetings, and these showed that Prasser told Teamster officials that Bender had actually been conspiring with the Teamsters during this period.

A news report states that Prasser, who has been convicted of a federal law violation for creating a monopoly in coin-operated machines and Louis Triacaro, convicted robber, were the two Teamster leaders whom Bender was suspected to be probing in a diligent manner.

Ever since it was announced that Hoffa had named Bender as head of his clean-up committee, Bender has insisted that he would do a thorough clean-up job. Bender is on record, too, as saying that he did not receive political support from Prasser and Triacaro in his campaign for the Senate in 1954.

Be this as it may, the only safe clean-up approach would seem to be with the federal court-appointed monitors.

## Our New Financial Barons

THE FINANCIAL barons of half a century ago who boasted that they brought and paid for the Senators and others in government to provide a friendly atmosphere for their personal business interests could take a few lessons if they were alive today from such modern counterparts as Jimmy Hoffa of the Teamsters, Walter Routh of the Auto Workers, David McDonald of the Steelworkers, and other union tycoons.

Mr. Hoffa's graft-ridden and corrupt Teamsters outfit, for example, is paying former Sen. George H. Bender of Ohio the modest stipend of \$228 a day to act as Mr. Hoffa's personal investigator and prove that there is nothing underhanded or corrupt going on in the union. Before this "investment" of the union members' dues was decided on, Mr. Bender had been sent a check by the Teamsters for \$1,000 for — as he explained it — "a job I was going to do for the Ohio Teamsters looking into state antitrust laws."

We must confess a bit of admiration for Mr. Bender, who was able to collect a \$1,000 fee in advance for a job "I was going to do." He returned the check, he said, when the later offer came along, but we are intrigued by this payment-in-advance system. Usually a fellow has to wait until the job is finished to draw his pay. Not only does the union pay well, so far as Mr. Bender is concerned, but in the case of the \$1,000 check, he can collect before he bits a lick of work.

ALSO REVEALED during a Senate investigation this week was the fact that the Teamsters handed out a number of \$100 champagne buckets as Christmas presents, but Mr. Bender said he didn't get one. The name "G. Bender" appearing among recipients must have been some other fellow with a similar name, he said. Other testimony given the Senate

committee indicated that Mr. Bender has been on most cordial terms with the union he has now been hired by to investigate. Senate committee members have expressed some skepticism as to Mr. Bender's ability to help "clean up" the Teamsters from the inside, under the circumstances. In other words, the members think it might be difficult for anyone to find very much wrong with a friendly organization paying him \$1,500 a week.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hoffa is having a bit of trouble in other quarters. Monitors were appointed by a Federal Court a while back to supervise a cleanup that Mr. Hoffa promised would be forthcoming in the Teamsters. Now they want to get another court order to force Mr. Hoffa to follow their instructions for cleaning up, and to prevent him from holding an early convention next February to dismiss them before they finish their work. They also want subpoena power so they can get hold of some of Mr. Hoffa's records they need for their monitoring work. One of the three court-appointed monitors dissented and laid any reforms in the union must arise from the will and action of the membership. He, incidentally, is an attorney for the Teamsters. If any Teamster members want to insist that Mr. Hoffa change his ways, we suppose there are enough hospitals and cemeteries to accommodate them.

WHILE the Teamsters were having their troubles, the United Steelworkers, in convention at Atlantic City, shouted support of president David McDonald, who had come under fire by a "dues protest committee" of rank-and-file union members. Spokesmen for the opposition had to balk to the convention over hoots and shouts and they never had a chance. Mr. McDonald's side carried all but 13 votes in a show of strength contest, which would indicate that his tenure as boss of the Steelworkers, a job he inherited from the late Phil Murray, isn't in any immediate danger. The pay, incidentally, is \$50,000 a year.

These are the same people who scream and shed crocodile tears any time Congress thinks about enacting laws to emancipate the rank-and-file American worker from their clutches.

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#### Hoffa's Committee

From the beginning the appointment by James R. Hoffa, international president of the Teamsters union, of a "citizens" committee of three to weigh accusations made by the Senate Rackets committee, had a queer look.

At that time there were three monitors on the job to observe the performance of Hoffa in his assigned job of cleaning up his union.

Shortly after Hoffa named his own committee, with former Senator George H. Bender (Rep. Ohio) as chairman, it was reported that Bender was in good standing with the Teamsters.

As a friend of Hoffa, Bender might be slow to criticize either Hoffa or the operation of the union Hoffa heads.

Now has come an acknowledgment from Bender that he had received a check for \$1,000 from Hoffa eight days before his appointment as leader of Hoffa's "citizens" committee. Bender says the money was to pay for his services of looking into the Ohio state and trust laws for the Ohio Teamsters.

But when Hoffa named Bender to the "citizens" committee Bender said he returned Hoffa's \$1,000 because the new job given him paid \$250 a day for each day actually worked.

Whatever was intended by Hoffa has lost even its doubtful original value because of the tie in with Bender.

Why Hoffa should name his own committee when he already had chosen a watchdog group to check Hoffa's good faith in promising to clean up the union may be clearing up.

It could be that he wanted to pose as shaking up the union without actually doing it.

If this was his purpose it would be logical for him to select a friend to head up this countermove against the court's monitors.

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The former teacher also said he couldn't help it if William Price, Ohio Teacher charged with reading the Fifth Amendment, was questioned about the Bender case—had praised him as a "good friend" just after a 1964 investigation of the Teachers, headed by Bender, was abruptly ended off.

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## What Will Bender Do?

When ex-Sen. Henry Bender came out of business retirement to head the Teamsters "Clean Up Committee" his job, presumably, was to help root the rascals out of union office.

Testimony before the Senate Rackels Committee yesterday makes it unmistakably clear that a couple of the rascals are:

**BADE TRISCARO**, the Clevelandster who donned in gold as a union big shot and a businessman. Bade slammed up about every thing, including an income tax return showing a take of \$132,000 last year.

**BILL PRESSER**, who came out of nowhere a few years ago to grab state-wide control of the Teamsters Union.

This pair stubbornly refused to do any talking before the Senate committee.

But detailed information in the committee's hands made it plain how footloose and reckless they've been with the members' money.

So if Bender is serious about his "clean-up" job, then his duty is clear.

We've got to get Triscaro and Presser out the rascals they are, and urge that they be kicked out.

This may prove painful for Bender.

While a congressman, Bender's own labor

investigating committee turned up plenty of damaging evidence about how these two were using union power for personal benefit.

The 1954 hearings were red hot, and Bender's committee blistered them good.

But curiously enough, a strange and wonderful friendship blossomed from these uneasy beginnings.

Before long, Presser was praising Bender as a great friend of labor, and backing him for the U. S. Senate.

More recently, Bender was offered a kind of research assignment by the unions Presser and Triscaro dominate.

Committee investigators even turned up a check for \$1000 made out to Bender by the Ohio Conference of Teamsters only last month.

And last month, too, Bender got his plush \$250-a-day "clean-up" job from Triscaro's and Presser's warm friend and associate, Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa.

Nevertheless, Bender really has no choice. The Teamsters must be clean as long as men like Presser and Triscaro hold high office.

Plenty of people, including ones paying track drivers, are waiting to see just how Bender handles this case.

Or more specifically, if he handles it.

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### What Will Bender Do? U

When ex-Sen. George Bender came out of restless retirement to head the "Big" cleanup committee, his job presumably was to help beat the rascals out of union office.

Testimony before the Senate Nichols Committee this week makes it unmistakably clear that a couple of the rascals are:

Babe Tykocik, the Cleveland who bought his gold as a union big shot and a businessman. Babe clammed up about everything, including an income tax return showing a take of \$132,000 last year, 1956 and 1957.

But Pronger, who came out of nowhere a few years ago to grab statewide control of the Teamsters Union.

Then PABE STUBBORNLY REFUSED to do any talking before the Senate committee.

But doubted Mr. Tykocik in the committee's hands made it plain. Mr. Tykocik and records they've been with the members' money.

As of Bender is serious about his cleanup job, then his duty is clear.

He's got to tag Trincaro and Pronger for the rascals they are, and urge that they be ousted.

This may prove painful for Bender.

WHILE A COMMITTEE, Bender's own labor investigating committee turned up plenty of damaging evidence about how these two were using union money for personal benefit.

Those 1956 hearings were red hot, and Bender's committee answered them good.

But curiously enough, a strange and wonderful friendship blossomed from their uneasy beginnings.

BEFORE LONG, PRONGER was proving Bender as a great friend of labor, and backing him for the U. S. Senate.

More recently, Bender was offered a kind of research assignment by the unions Pronger and Trincaro dominate.

Committee investigators even turned up a check for \$1000 made out to Bender by the Ohio Conference of Teamsters only last month.

AND LAST MONTH TOO, BENDER got his plush \$250-a-day cleanup job from Trincaro and Pronger's close friend and associate, Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa.

Nevertheless, Bender really has no choice. The Teamsters won't be clean as long as men like Pronger and Trincaro hold high office.

Plenty of critics, including dues paying truck drivers, are waiting to see just how Bender handles this case.

Or more specifically, if he handles it.



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# I Returned Union Check, Says Bender

By Don O'Connor

Times Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Former Ohio Senator George H. Bender denied today he had taken any largesse from the Teamsters' Union.

Bender was charged at yesterday's hearing of the Senate subcommittee that Bender received, among other things, a \$1,000 check from the Ohio Conference of Teamsters at which he accepted the 1954-55 job as chairman of the Teamsters' anti-racketeering committee.

The other things included a champagne bucket which Bender claimed he never received. As in the \$1,000, Bender told the committee.

The check for \$1,000 was received in my office.

ON THE DATE of Aug. 24, 1954, I advised Mr. Don Miller of the Teamsters Conference that I could not accept a retainer because I had accepted the chairmanship of the Teamsters' anti-racketeering committee.

"I returned the retainer in the letter."

The committee yesterday presented a document captioned by a "George H. Bender" with the notation that the payment was for public relation services rendered.

Bender was appointed two weeks ago to head a committee hand-picked by Hoffa to examine the union for hoodlums. Other members are retired Detroit Circuit Judge Ira W. Jayne and Washington Atty. F. Joseph Donoghue.

A committee witness also said Bender was a recipient of a "champagne master" — a silver-plated champagne cooler — but the former Republican witness said he never received such a gift.

THE QUESTION of gifts to Bender arose during questioning

of William Presser, chief of the Ohio Teamsters, who took the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer committee questions.

Presser declined comment on the annual Christmas gifts of "champagne masters" in Bender, Hoffa, Dave Beck, ex-Teamster president, and several others. Among the others was a film may have a chairman of the Ohio Republican party.

Committee Counsel Kennedy asked Presser whether he had announced at a 1954 Ohio Teamsters meeting that a finance committee had called off its investigation of the union's activities in the Cleveland area.

Bender, then a U. S. representative, was chairman of the committee.

Presser refused to answer the question and sat by while the committee inserted into the record minutes of Ohio meetings in which Presser was quoted as saying the union had two good friends on the House committee.

THE FIRST was Rep. Dan. Rostenkowski, D-Ill., and the statement added:

"The other gentleman apparently is going to strike you as a hood. We found especially during the latter portion of the hearings by the committee and in the final analysis who did the job as any fair minded public citizen should. His name is George Bender."

In another conference, Presser was quoted as saying:

"Bill Presser is committed to George Bender anywhere down the line."

Presser also declined comment on whether he had induced two Teamster bodies to vote him \$10,000 in retirement pay if the federal court-appointed board of monitors should kick him out of office.

Another Fifth Amendment answer was Louis (Hank) Tetraro, head of a Cleveland Teamster local, whose 1957 income tax shows he made \$132,000 through joint ownership of several companies and \$20,000 from the union.

Then the committee turned to the Sun Valley Housing Project sponsored by the Teamsters in Florida. Hoffa admitted he approved \$300,000 being deposited in an Orlando bank in the venture, but denied the funds were put there to prompt the bank to make loans to the project.

He insisted Teamsters were able to purchase lots in the project at a reduced rate and that this justified the enterprise.

A COMMITTEE accountant testified that between \$250,000 and \$300,000 of the union's money had been returned to Detroit projects promoted by Henry Loefer, once an agent of Local 985, and an individual who loaned \$25,000 to Hoffa "in a brown paper bag" after the union got into Sun Valley.

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## EDITORIALS

### Hoffa's Cleanup

One of the strangest parts of the dispute between James R. Hoffa, president of the Teamsters Union, and the three monitors appointed by a court to keep him on the straight and narrow path is the fact that the monitors are trying to get Hoffa to clean out the gangsters and ex-convicts in his union. They want Hoffa to throw out his best friends.

It has been proved time and again that Hoffa is a consort of gangsters and criminals. It has been shown that he has a hard time distinguishing between the union's funds and his own. Union members witness testified that he used dummy unions, made up of gangsters, to win reelection as president because he was sure that enough bona fide members would vote for him to name him to that post. There has been no evidence to show that he is any better than the men his monitors want him to kick out.

Among monitor's orders Hoffa has delayed carrying out are those calling for suspension of Owen (Boss) Brennan, a union vice-president in Detroit, and other higher-ups accused of misconduct.

So far, also, Hoffa has failed to put into effect a new set of rules which would bar convicted criminals from holding office for a year after their civil rights have been restored and which would prohibit the use of union funds in an election except on terms of complete equality among all candidates.

It is no wonder that Hoffa is squirming at the monitor's orders. In the first place, they want him to get rid of a large proportion of his friends by kicking out the gangsters and ex-convicts. In the second place, they don't want him to use union funds to buy the election for him.

to a man of his character?

Hoffa appeared before the senate subcommittee and claimed he had done more to clean up the union in the last eight months than did the officers of any prior union administration.

This may or may not be true but if it is true, there are two things to consider. The first is that Hoffa has been ordered to clean up the union by the senate subcommittee, by the court and by the monitors. The second is that if he has made one single move toward a clean-up it could be more than his predecessors did. His predecessor in office for a long time was Dave Beck. Beck, by his own admission, was playing fast and loose with union funds and therefore not interested in cleaning up the union.

Right now Hoffa is trying for a new election so that he can throw off his monitors. He wants this election before he complies with the monitors' demands for ousting the gangsters and for an equal division with his opponents of any union funds spent on the election.

Strangely, Sen. Irving M. Jves (R-NY), vice-chairman of the subcommittee said: "I think you did make great strides in that direction (cleaning up) but I don't think you've gone the whole route."

It is difficult to see how Hoffa has made "great strides" and easy to see that he had not gone the whole route.

"Great strides" would be to throw out all the gangsters and ex-convicts and to put the union on a democratic basis.

"Going the whole route" would include adding Hoffa's own name to the list of those ousted—one of the most important steps.

# Bender 'Purity' Mission Appears Doomed

## Democracy Ticket Pledges Ouster Of Hoffa Faction in Local Here

A "democracy" ticket pledged to the ouster of the Hoffa faction in Local 100, Teamsters Union, was announced Thursday. Walter Schultz, who will oppose it, is backed by the Hoffa-backed incumbent, George Starling.

In addition to opposing James Hoffa, president of the Teamsters' International, the Schultz group also wants to overthrow William Presser, Cleveland, president of the Ohio Teamsters Conference.

THE DEMOCRACY ticket clearly is out to get Mr. Starling and two business agents who have joined him in support of Mr. Hoffa and Mr. Presser. The agents are Ed Starling and Charles Gowan.

Most of the ticket is made up of incumbents. The candidates, all incumbents unless designated otherwise, are:

Ohio H. Froh, secretary-treasurer; Ray Culbertson (a new candidate), vice president; John Vetter, recording secretary; John Curran, for treasurer; Charles Newman and George Francisco.

For business agents: William Wilson, John Meade, James Webb, Ray Tucker (new), James Young (new), Tom Burton (new), James Crowe, Earl Gungley and John Wernick.

THE TICKET'S crusading activities date back nearly 20 years ago when

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# Bender May Lose Job as Teamster Racket Sleuth

By ROBERT CRATER  
and LOWELL BRIDWELL

Press Washington Writers

WASHINGTON — The court-appointed monitors for the Teamsters Union today marked George H. Bender for ouster from his \$250-a-day job as chairman of James Hoffa's anti-racketeering commission.

The monitors plan to ouster Bender next week, The Press learned, if Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts approves their request for broader powers.

This decision was reached on the basis of yesterday's hearing, which developed testimony indicating a friendly relationship between Bender and Ohio Teamsters Union officials who have been accused of fast and loose handling of their members' money.

Committee spokesmen said there would be more later on such developments as:

REFUSAL of William Presser, president of the Ohio Conference of Team-



WHISPERED CONFERENCE between William Presser (right), top Ohio Teamster official, and his attorney, Bedford Lawson, took place during Presser's appearance before the Senate Racketeering Committee. (UPI Telephoto)

sters and the Cleveland District to answer under oath whether or not he had developed any records.

DISCLOSURE that Louis (Babe) Triscaro, vice president of the Cleveland District operations in the Council of the Teamsters, paid for aluminum awnings on his new \$60,000 Pepper Pike home with a \$1500 check signed by Presser on the account of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters.

TRISCARO'S refusal to answer questions about his net income of \$122,238.30 a year, including his pay as a union official and the profits of four trucking companies he controls, three of which have only "verbal contracts" with the Teamsters Union.

THE CLAIM by union officials that records concerning hundreds of thousands of dollars of Teamsters' funds were "lost in the mails" between Cleveland and Colum-

bus.

Conference last month for

"professional services." Bender said he had repaid this \$1000 with a personal check after deciding not to accept an assignment to "review" state legislation for the group.

Instead, he said, he accepted Hoffa's offer of chairmanship of the party organization.

The court-appointed monitors, instructed by Judge Letts to restore "democracy" to the union, consider the commission a maneuver by Hoffa to curtail their powers.

Hoffa and the monitors are engaged in a struggle for power. The monitors have asked the court to block an election called by Hoffa for next February. According to the court order establishing the monitors, their work would be completed after a "democratic election" is held by the union.

Martin F. O'Donoghue, Washington attorney and chairman of the board of monitors, made it clear that he is opposed to payment of union funds to Bender and his two colleagues.

After they took the Fifth Amendment and refused to answer questions under oath before the committee, the press offered Presser and Triscaro an opportunity to state their cases. Their replies:

TRISCARO: "If I have anything to say, I'll say it to my membership. I don't think it's anybody else's business."

PRESSER: "The \$1500 payment to Triscaro was for services rendered to the Ohio Conference. It was properly approved by the executive

board. That's all there is to it.

"As for the records... I don't care what they do," he said. "I know what happened. I don't take care of all the records. There are too many of them."

Bender said he wouldn't volunteer to appear before "jacketbox racket" in Cleveland.

The committee to answer testimony concerning him, "I don't care what they do," he said.

The committee announced it will hold a special hearing, probably in November, devoted exclusively to "the jacketbox racket" in Cleveland.

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## Generous George Bender, Man With a Gift for Parties

By Fletcher Knebel

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Former Senator George H. Bender, for years showered hundreds of friends, including scores of newsmen, with a costly storm of gifts and threw parties that hugged the eyes of even party-jaded Washington.

Representative and senator from Ohio over a 30-year span, Bender lavished gifts on the voters of his state while serving as Republican chairman of Cuyahoga county (Cleveland). He also owned a prosperous insurance firm.

He was known to television as the 1952 Republican national convention as the sunbather extrovert who sang ballads in behalf of Senator Robert A. Taft and led the faithful in singing the Taft four-leaf clover song.

### Three-Card George

But he was best known to the Washington press corps as "Three-card George."

His Christmas list was broken into four categories. At the bottom was a group of 75,000 to whom he sent a Christmas card. Scorning the congressman's franking privilege, he spent about \$7,500 on the cards and stamps.

Next up the ladder was a group of several thousand who got two Christmas cards. A further-refined group got three cards each.

On the top rung sat the intimate circle of several dozen friends who received the three cards, plus a big box of goodies—fruit cakes, nutcrackers, candies, cakes. Those within striking distance of the aggressive Santa Claus might also receive several bottles of whiskey.

### One Party

One Christmas lunch for staff and friends, which he got at noon, and another

thousands of calories until 3 p. m., was held in the side dining room of the Mayflower Hotel. A string quartet played soft dinner music in the balcony.

Bender sent an enormous good-will offering to the orchestra and implored it to swing into the more spirited hula rhythms of Hawaii.

One of his young lunch guests, a native of the Pacific, shed her shoes, mounted the table and swayed and undulated in her stocking feet. The headwaiter slithered to Bender's side to protest, but the congressman swept him aside. The show went on.

### Under Fire

In the mid-forties, when Bender was Republican chairman in Cleveland, John W. Bricker, then governor, joined with Thomas J. Herbert, upcoming candidate for governor, to oust Bender from control of campaign funds in Cleveland.

The Bricker-Herbert forces charged that much of the money collected for Republican candidates in Cleveland tended to disappear somewhere in the organization.

Bricker and Herbert moved against Bender in the Cleveland Republican finance committee, of which George M. Humphrey, later secretary of the treasury, was a member.

Humphrey said that if Bender was ousted he would quit the finance committee. Since Humphrey was the No. 1 Republican fund-raiser in Ohio, this meant the effort to oust Bender.



A BOX OF transcripts from the Senate Rackets Committee hearing is given to Ohio Teamsters Boss William Presner by

James R. Hoffa (right), president of the Teamsters, during a recess in the committee's hearings in Washington.—U.P.

**'Didn't Need to Give Check Back'**

## Teamster 'Real Friend' Tag Brings Denials By Bender

By ROBERT E. MOYT  
of the Washington Staff

WASHINGTON—Despite George Bender's protestations of innocence, the impression is getting around that the Teamsters Union looked on the ex-senator as a "real friend."

At the moment, however, George is still one jump ahead of the Senate Labor Rackets Committee.

1.—Wednesday the committee introduced a teamster check for \$1,000 dated Aug. 15, 1956, payable to G. H. Bender. The Ohio Conference of Teamsters' check stub said the money was for "retainer, public relations and professional services and expenses."

Bender said: I gave it back.

2.—The committee listed "G. Bender" as one of eight men who got \$100 "campaign masters' serving sets from the Ohio conference as 1955 Christmas gifts."

Bender said: It was not I. I never received such a gift.

3.—Bender told newsmen the Senate Committee had found records of a \$51,000 Teamster loan to "Bender and Elias" in Ohio, only to find "it was a different Bender" and that Elias was not Ray Elias of Akron, Ohio Republican chairman.

The Senate Committee would not comment on the Bender \$51,000 loan story.

Bender would not reveal how he knew of the \$51,000 loan investigation.

ON THE OTHER hand there was this evidence of the high regard the Teamsters had for Bender:

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1.—A Senate committee staff member read minutes of a November, 1954, meeting of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters, quoting top Ohio Teamster William Presner of Cleveland.

When Presner appeared before the committee Wednesday his chief contribution was in reciting his understanding of Amendment No. 5 to the U. S. constitution.

BUT IN November, 1954, he was eloquent. He identified Bender and Rep. William Dawson, Illinois Democrat, as "two good friends" of the Teamsters.

Both were then on a House committee headed by Bender which was investigating Ohio Teamsters.

According to the minutes, Presner first told what a "fine man" Dawson was, and then said:

"The name of the other gentleman is going to strike you as a blow. We found, especially during the latter portion of the hearings, that we had a second friend in the congressional committee, and in the final analysis, irrespective of campaign, (he) did the job as any fair-minded person should. And his name was George Bender. And it has taught me a lesson."

BENDER DID not elaborate in the minutes on the "lesson" he had learned. And he refused to tell the Senate investigators Wednesday anything about the minutes. He



pleaded the Fifth Amendment.

The minutes show Presser told the meeting no one was indicted or even cited for contempt of Congress as a result of Bander's investigation. He announced the investigation would not be "pursued further."

"How did you know that?" asked Committee Counsel Robert Kennedy.

Presser refused to answer on the grounds that he might incriminate himself. He followed the same course 92 other times during his one-day appearance.

2.—The Senate staff also put in the record a copy of the minutes of an Ohio Teamsters meeting at Dept. 23, 1954. The minutes noted "loud applause" before Bander addressed the group.

They did not indicate reaction after the speech, but they quoted Presser as thanking the Bander and calling him "the man who killed the anti-labor legislation in this state."

"It is worst for this one man, and his advice and the constant pounding, we would have a lot of problems that do not exist," said Presser.

He also said he would defend Bander's labor record "anywhere, any time."

Bander says he isn't responsible for Presser labeling him the union's friend.

The record speaks for itself, Bander said. "I am a good friend of everybody but I am not a good friend of wrong doers."

3.—From Bander himself comes the information that he was asked by the Ohio Teamsters Conference to study Ohio's Valentine act, a state transportation law, and to make a survey to see how many other states had comparable laws and how they were working.

It was for this work that he was sent the \$1,500 check by Presser on Aug. 15 this year.

Bander said the check arrived while he was away and his staff deposited it. When he returned and was told of the check, Bander said, he returned the money with a letter dated Aug. 18.

Bander said he returned the money because he could not take on the Valentine act assignment. He had, in the eight-day interim, been appointed chairman of the Teamsters Clean-Up Committee by President James Blaine Holt.

The \$1,500 was an "advance payment," Bander said. Evidence that he returned the money is at the Riggs National Bank in Washington, and anyone to "mislead" is in see B. Bander said.

About the check, Presser pleaded the Fifth.

THE BENDER tableau was presented in the caucus room of the Senate office building Wednesday with the principal party not present, and the two Ohio Teamsters leaders who were there maintaining a defiant silence.

The committee hopes today to finish up its work until after the November election, and at one point Kennedy indicated he would get back to Presser and his chief lieutenant Louis "Babe" Tricaro later.

THREE SEEMED little justification for pushing out a part of the Presser-Tricaro story this week except for the light it attempted to shed on Teamster-Bander relations.

Yet Committee Counsel Kennedy would not elaborate on that relationship after the hearings were recessed for the day Wednesday. He was asked:

Will there be more on Bander tomorrow?

Kennedy: "I won't go beyond what is in the record."

Did the Committee investigate political broadcasts made by the Teamsters on Bander's behalf in the 1956 Senate campaign?

Kennedy: "We're not investigating Bander. We're developing activities of the Teamsters. If something comes up which we think is relevant to the investigation, we'll bring it out."

INTERSPERSED between Presser and Tricaro Fifth Amendment pleas came the testimony of committee investigators Walter Sheridan, Arthur Kaplan and James Bandle.

The investigators said the waddling, 270-pound Presser was president of Joint Teamster Council 41 in Cleveland, president of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters, head of Taxi Local 585, president of the Teamsters Yearbook, president of the National Over-the-Road Conference of Teamsters, administrator of Local 114, vice president of the Cleveland Federation of Labor and trustee of a number of Teamster welfare funds.

Presser, himself, took the Fifth about these matters.

INVESTIGATORS told the Senators Presser addressed the Ohio Conference in November, 1954, saying: "No federal law says you must

keep books beyond the audit period."

"Were you suggesting that they destroy their records," Presser was asked.

He took the Fifth.

They said Presser set up a lucrative coin vending machine "monopoly" in which the union collects \$50 a month with assessments, based on the number of coin machines serviced.

The money "actually comes from the employers," the investigator said, "for the privilege of asserting a trade monopoly."

AN INVESTIGATOR said the union provides the enforcement machinery by refusing to allow Teamster members to deliver milk, bread, beer and other supplies to places using "non-union-serviced" coin machines.

Presser, he said, showed such a "genius for organization" that Cleveland became a "Mecca" for other operators who have since used the "Presser plan" in other parts of the country.

The investigation showed coin machine operators get together in an "employers association" which then signs a contract with the union—without bothering to consult the workers.

NEITHER Presser nor Tricaro would testify about a \$1,500 check of Aug. 15 this year paid to a Cleveland firm allegedly to put awnings on Tricaro's new \$60,000 home in Cleveland.

The check was listed as a "gift" on the Teamster Ohio Conference records with a notation that it had been approved by Presser.

Committee Chairman John McClellan, Arkansas Democrat, commented wryly that the expenditure had been charged "correctly."

"Let's give 'em credit," he said.



**COUNSEL KENNEDY** told Presser the committee wanted to look "more extensively into his operations and would like to see more of his records."

After much hemming, hawing and Fifth Amending, Presser said: "I have complied to the best of my ability with a March subpoena requesting personal and business records, cancelled checks, bank records and the like."

An investigator testified that Presser had supplied only "one bank book and 10 insurance policies."

Sen. McClellan asked Presser whether he had destroyed any of the records.

Presser pleaded the Fifth Amendment.

McClellan threatened Presser with a contempt citation.

**THE POSSIBILITY** of a contempt citation was reinforced later when Investigator Sheridan testified that someone apparently had destroyed part of a paper showing who got the 1935 Christmas champagne. Sheridan said the list was in Teamster files on Sept. 3 of this year when he investigated. When he later was furnished with the records, Sheridan said, the part of the paper with the names had been torn off.

He said the paper had shown that "champagne masters" at \$100 each went to "Beck, Engleish, Hoffa, Brennan, Connell, Bender, Elias and Dorfman."

**ANOTHER** piece of paper, he said, also now missing listed the last names with initials. He said he noted down two of them: "R. Elias and G. Bender."

There was no testimony as to whether these referred to Ray Elias, or ex-Sen. Bender. The others, however, are known teamster officials, except for "Connell" the committee could give no clue to his identity.

In Columbus today, Akron's Ray Elias said: "In checking I find that I did receive a stainless steel champagne bucket as a 'christ' never present in 1935. It has never been used. It has been stored away. I do not recall it, but it could have come from the Teamsters Conference."

**McCLELLAN** told Presser he "apparently" either was committing perjury in saying he had complied with the subpoena or was in contempt for failing to supply all the records.

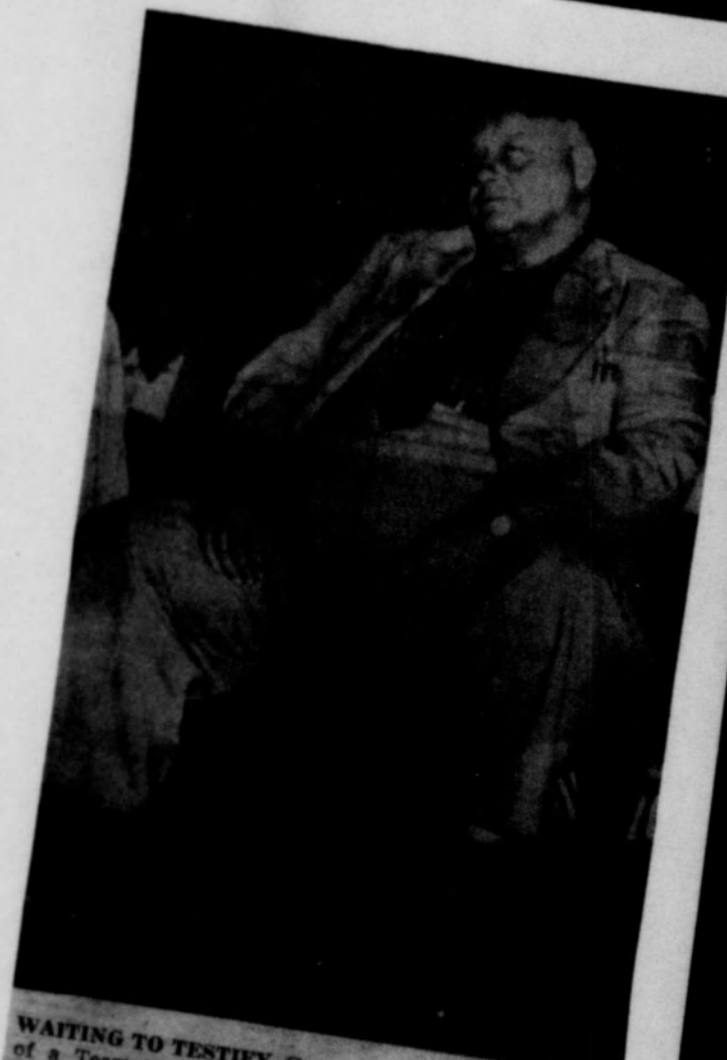
"I'm trying to let you take your choice as to which road you want to travel," McClellan said.

Presser persisted in the Fifth.

One of the few breaks from the Fifth recital came when the Committee brought out that both the Ohio Conference and the Joint Council 41 voted last month to award Presser \$20,000 in honor of the Teamster Quater.

**SEN. McCLELLAN** asked Presser: "Was this a form of severance pay?"

Presser started the Fifth. Many then interrupted him. "You'll let me get out from under oath."



**WAITING TO TESTIFY.** George Starling, business agent of a Teamsters Union local in Cincinnati, sits in the waiting room of the Senate Rackets Committee.—AP.



**PRESSER'S AIDE,** Louise "Babe" Triscaro (right), head of Cleveland Teamsters Local 436, confers with her attorney, Clifford Lawson, while in the Senate Rackets Committee waiting room.—AP.

# HE CLAIMS HE RETURNED IT, BANK SAYS NO

## Secret Backing In Ohio Race Told

By Clark Mollenhoff  
(Of The Register's Washington Bureau)  
WASHINGTON, D. C. —  
Former Senator George Bender  
received a \$1,000 check

from a Teamster official shortly before he was named head of a union clean-up group, the senate rackets committee was told Wednesday.

The committee also was told that in 1954, at the time when Bender was heading a house investigation of corruption in labor unions, he was receiving praise from a high Teamster official who supposedly was under investigation.

The rackets committee produced records identifying Bender as receiving a \$1,000 check, a \$100 champagne bucket, political support and praise from Ohio Teamster leader William (Big Bill) Presser.

### Hoffa's Choice

Bender, an Ohio Republican, was named by Teamster President James Hoffa on Aug. 23 to head a three-man committee to investigate corruption in the union.

A federal court-appointed monitors committee headed by Martin O'Donoghue was then starting to insist on real reforms of Teamster affairs if Hoffa were to remain in office.



Presser

Bender insisted then that he would not be a party to a whitewash. He pointed to his investigation of the Teamsters in 1954 as chairman of a house government operations committee, and said that proved he would do a good job.

Presser, who has been convicted of creating a monopoly in coin-operated machines, and Louis N. (Babe) Triscaro, convicted robber, were among those Bender was purported to be probing.

### Friends Among Probers

Minutes of Teamster meetings introduced into the record by Chairman John L. McClellan (Dem., Ark.) showed Presser telling union officials that the Teamsters had "two good friends" on the Bender house committee. One was identified as Representative

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He and Bank Records Differ

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William Dawson (Dem., Ill.) who was publicly trying to kill the investigation.

"The other gentleman is going to strike you as a blow," Presser continued. "We found that we had a second friend in the congressional committee . . . and his name was George Bender."

Bender has denied he received political support from Presser and Triscaro in the fall of 1954 when he was elected to the U. S. senate.

#### 1936 Speech

On Sept. 26, 1936, with Bender present, Presser told a union group:

George Bender, the Republican whose name has been handled around as an anti-labor senator, did it wasn't for this one man, and his advice and constant pounding, we would have a lot of problems that do not exist."

"Bill Presser is committed to George Bender anywhere down the line," Presser told the Teamsters.

Gesturing to Bender, he added:

"These fellows want the man who killed anti-labor legislation in this state. I know. I was there."

#### The \$100 Bucket

Bender Wednesday denied receiving the \$100 champagne bucket, but committee records indicated it was inscribed by a jeweler "to Senator George M. Bender" in 1935.

Bender admitted he received a \$1,000 check from Presser in August, eight days before Haffa appointed him to the clean-up commission. However, Bender insisted that he returned the \$1,000 check without endorsing it.

He said the \$1,000 was for the job he was going to do for the Ohio Teamsters looking into state anti-trust laws.

"I took the anti-racketeering job instead, and sent the \$1,000 back," he told a reporter.

However, the committee record shows the Teamster check was endorsed by Bender and cleared by the bank as having been deposited to his account.

Committee investigator Walter Sheridan testified that he had seen records of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters showing that eight champagne buckets were purchased for some as Christmas gifts for "Ben-

der, R. Bliss, Beck, Hoffman, English and Brennan."

They were presumed to be Dave Beck, James Hoffman, Teamster Secretary-Treasurer John English, and Detroit Teamster Owen Bert Brennan.

"R. Bliss" was not further identified. The chairman of the Ohio Republican party is Ray Bliss of Akron.

Sheridan testified that after he examined the records they were mutilated and destroyed in the Teamsters office.

#### Refuses to Talk

Presser took the Fifth Amendment and refused to answer questions relative to his financial dealings with Bender, and relative to whether he had destroyed the financial records of the union after having been served with a subpoena by the McClellan committee.

Tricaro, who heads Teamster Local 436 in Cleveland, was questioned at length on his financial operations.

Tricaro was identified as having had income of \$132,000 for 1937—much of it from three non-union trucking firms operated in the name of his wife and his brother, Joseph.

Committee accountants and Sheridan testified that Presser appeared at two Teamster meetings in August and arranged for \$40,000 in severance pay for himself in the event the federal monitors should oust him as head of Teamster Local 535 and as head of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters.



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## Bender Says Teamsters Offered Job

George H. Bender said Wednesday the Ohio teamsters union offered him a job last month of making a survey of state anti-trust laws. Bender told a reporter the offer came about the same time he was asked to head the anti-racketeering commission set up by James R. Hoffa, International Teamster Union president.

"I'm not (Ohio teamsters) needed a survey made of the Valentine Act in Ohio and comparable legislation nationwide," said Bender, former Republican senator from Ohio.

They felt the Valentine Act initiated against the

smuggling business. There was no lobbying involved.

"It was the kind of work I like to do, but I turned it down because it would have been in conflict with my job as head of the anti-racketeering commission."



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## Washington Scene

### Bender Recommended to Probe China Lobby

By George Dixon

WITH THE PASSAGE of each suspenseful day, more and more Americans are plucking up the courage to pick up the telephone and call the China Lobby. It is not for me to judge how well the lobby is doing, but if the China Lobby wants to clear itself, it can offer a suggestion: It should hire former Senator George H. Bender, of Ohio. The GOP ex-Senator is currently under contract to James H. Hoffa, teamsters' Union in which Bender is supposed to be investigating it. But this shouldn't take up more than a fraction of Bender's time. Anyone can find Teamsters Union with a to read phone call to the Senate Labor-Merchandise Committee. In fact, Senator John L. McClellan, of Arkansas, has stated



Bender

that his committee will do five all the investigating which would leave Bender with time to spare for the China Lobby. The China Lobby has spent untold millions here, but I do not know how much it would be prepared to pay Bender for his services. Bender comes high. Hoffa is paying him \$250 a day. I don't suppose that Bender could be paid for less than 250 yuan a day. Of course, the overhead might not be so great. I must make a note to myself to look up the current prices of Chinese whitewash. JIMMY HOFFA might object to having his hired auditor take on a foreign auditor, but a deal might be struck. The deal might be to propitiate him in exchange for letting his ex-employee perform a heavy investigation of the China Lobby. Given the right to organize the rickshaw pullers of Peking, if given just the powers he has here, could

stop all the trouble in Formosa Strait. He could stop it. If he gave the word, not a boat would move. If not a boat moved, Quemoy and Matsu would be as untroubled as Fire and Coney islands. It's a wonder I never thought of this before, it's so simple. Mr. Hoffa can wield powers over sea as well as land because, if his teamsters won't cart stuff away from a boat, there's no point in unloading it. Give Bender a chance to put a spoke in the wheels and not even the charms of Madame Chiang Kai-shek could get them rolling. If the China Lobby could retain Bender, it might also apply for the services of Nathan Aspinwall, the bulging behemoth, who performs muscular feats for the teamsters when not in prison. Mr. Aspinwall is known in the trade as a "bully bumper." He empties his portico to bump people in and out of picket lines. He might bump some of those out of line with the China Lobby.

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Mr. Bender and the Teamsters

From the Toledo Blade.

The monitors appointed by a federal court to keep an eye on the teamsters' union affairs are not the only ones who would like to know what Jimmy Hoffa is up to in creating his own commission to track down racketeers.

Here in Ohio, particularly, a great many people would like to know why Mr. Hoffa chose as head of his commission former Senator George H. Bender, whose past relations with the teamsters have been extremely puzzling.

Back in 1954, when Mr. Bender was a member of the house of representatives, he headed a subcommittee of the house government operations committee whose investigation into labor racketeering was concentrated pretty largely on the teamsters' union. At that time Mr. Bender, running for a senate seat, had some harsh things to say about the teamsters. Subsequently, his committee reported that William Presser of Cleveland was the "undisputed boss" in the teamsters' union in Ohio and that the "existence of rackets, corruption and violence" in teamster operations in Ohio "must of necessity be the responsibility of Presser."

Two years later, however, when Mr. Bender was running for the senate again, he did so with the support of the Ohio teamsters' council. And the man whom his committee had criticized so strongly, the same William Presser, was throwing his own not inconsiderable weight around in behalf of Mr. Bender's candidacy.

In his new capacity as head of Mr. Hoffa's commission to investigate racketeering in the teamsters' union, it cannot be said that Mr. Bender is unfamiliar with practices which he once assailed as "vicious and illegal." But getting \$250 a day and expenses from the union, will he be the tough prosecutor who started out to expose corruption or the conciliatory politician who later found it expedient to accept the political support of the very man he had been so roundly denouncing?

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## Hoffman Called 'Senile Liar' by Bender in Hoffa Dispute

From Our Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—There is a growing lack of mutual admiration between those two Republican stalwarts—former Senator George W. Bender, of Ohio, and Rep. Hoffman, of Allegan, Mich.

"That character on unadvised list," Bender was today of his old buddy of House labor racket investigating days. When caused Bender's ire was a remark by Hoffman that Bender's appointment to head a "cleanup" commission was "just plain silly."

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**HIRED FBI AGENT**  
Bender recalled that the House committee voted, 19-1, to give him the chairmanship of the investigating subcommittee, after Hoffman had had it a year earlier, and that Hoffman then went to the House floor to try to block not the appropriation for the investigation.

"I hired Downey Rice, former FBI agent, as chief investigator, and then Hoffman voted with three Democrats to fire him," Bender said.

"I sat along side of that guy (Hoffman) for 14 years, and why I never got apoplexy I'll never know."

Bender also said Hoffman had when he said Bender "was never serious" and "never came up with anything new."

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"I've never known a stiffer man in my life than Hoffman," Bender roared.

The Trumka cleanup commissioner said if he did not feel he could perform honorably on the assignment he would not have accepted the appointment.

He emphasized that he is under no restrictions.

Bender said he was particularly anxious to preserve his good reputation because he has hopes of running again for public office. He was defeated in his 1934 bid for re-election to the Senate by Governor Republican Gov. Frank J. Lausche.

"President Roosevelt and George Humphrey (former secretary of the treasury) persuaded me to run, and then they forgot me," Bender complained.



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## Reveal Bid For Bender As Lobbyist

### Ohio Teamster Offer Rejected For Hoffa Job

By AL OSTROW  
Citizen State Writer

CLEVELAND, Sept. 16.—The Teamsters Union offered to hire George R. Bender as a lobbyist to get a state law changed, it was learned today.

Bender, reached in Washington, confirmed the proposition. He said he had turned it down to accept another offer from controversial James Hoffa.

WHAT BENDER accepted was the \$250-a-day, plus expense, chairmanship of a three-man committee established to advise Hoffa on how to purge racketeers from the union.

The invitation to Bender to do "public relations work" for the union is an effort to silence the Valentine Act, an Ohio anti-racketeering law from Don Pifer, its secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters.

WILLIAM PRESSER, president of the conference and of the Cleveland Trucking Union, and his lieutenant, Louis (Babe) Triccare, are under subpoena to appear before the Senate Rackets Committee in Washington tomorrow.

Committee investigators were making a last-minute examination of union records in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, New York and other cities today in final preparation for the hearing.

IT WAS INDICATED that sensation columnist Robert Kennedy would attempt to spotlight the relationship of Bender with the Ohio issue of the union he is expected to take up.

Bender, a former U. S. senator was chairman of a House subcommittee which in 1955 asked the Department of Justice to prosecute Ohio Teamster officials for alleged "intimidation, extortion, racketeering, conspiracy to violate the law, and other illegal practices." There were no prosecutions.

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for the Teamsters Union, Bender told the writer that he received a check for the work he was to do, "but returned it promptly."

The work of Bender's "anti-racketeering commission" was threatened when Martin F. O'Donoghue, chairman of a three-man board of monitors appointed by Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts to supervise the national Teamsters Union, said in Washington.

"We are very strongly opposed to the Bender commission."

O'DONOGHUE indicated he would ask Judge Letts tomorrow to block payment of the Bender group's expenses.

Bender said he had "no comment on the monitors."

"However," he continued, "our commission can't work unless it has a staff and the proper tools."

HOFFA HIMSELF insisted that he is doing "an excellent job" of seeking embezzlers and racketeers from the union in an appearance before the Senate Rackets Committee.

This view was challenged by Kennedy.

HOFFA'S TESTIMONY showed he didn't plan any wholesale purge, regardless of what the Bender commission might recommend.

"I only know of one way to clean house—call people in and talk to them," Hoffa said.

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Wanted Anti-Trust Law Altered

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## Ohio Teamsters Sought Bender For Lobby Work

By AL ONTROW  
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THE INVITATION to Bender to do "public relations work" for the union is an effort to alter the Valentine Act, an Ohio anti-trust law.

Don Pfeffer, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters.

William Presser, president of the conference and of the Cleveland Taxicab Union, and his lieutenant, Louis "Babe" Triscaro, are under subpoena to appear before the Senate Rackets Committee in Washington Wednesday.

Investigators were making a last-minute check of union leaders in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, New York and other cities to limit preparation for the hearing.

It was indicated that Committee Counsel Robert Kennedy would attempt to spotlight the relationship of Bender with the Ohio locals of the union, he is supposed to "clean up."

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# Teamsters Tried to Hire Bender as Ohio Lobbyist

By AL OSTROW  
The Teamsters Union of Ohio, which has been trying to hire George H. Bender as a lobbyist to get a state law changed, The Press Ohio and 1750 Broadway, New York 19, learned today.  
Bender, resident in Washington, confirmed the proposition. He said he had turned it down to accept another offer from James Hoffa, then president of the nation's largest union.  
What Bender accepted was the \$250-a-day, plus expenses, chairmanship of a three-man commission established to advise Hoffa on how to purge racketeer elements from the organization.  
The invitation to Bender to help would attempt to speed up the relationship of Bender with the Ohio locals of the union he is supposed to "clean up."  
Bender was chairman of a key to violate the law, and he was to do, "but returned it to the House subcommittee which in other life practices." There promptly.  
were no objections.  
Confirming the request that he "check the Valentine Act" for the Teamsters, Bender told The Press that he received a check for the work he was to do, "but returned it promptly."

## Returned Check

William Prusack, president of the conference of the Cleveland Trade Association, said his lieutenant, Louis (Boss) Tricaro, are under subpoena to appear before the Senate Rackets Committee in Washington tomorrow.  
It was indicated that racketeer elements from the



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### Mr. Bender's Dilemma

George H. Bender, former senator from Ohio, who has been hired by James R. Hoffa to head a committee to clean up Mr. Hoffa's Teamsters' Union, has had second thoughts about accepting the \$250-a-day compensation that goes with the job. He says now he will turn the money over to charity. This indicates certain qualms on Mr. Bender's part but he doesn't say what they are. If the former senator is perfectly sure about the propriety of his taking the money, what could he wrong with taking a pay for it? If he isn't sure it was such a good idea, why doesn't he simply quit?

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## A New High In Naivete

George M. Bender, a former congressman and U. S. senator from Ohio, has said he will turn over to charity his \$250-a-day pay as head of Jimmy Hoffa's three man clean-up committee.

Bender says he is in uncomfortable circumstances, that he doesn't need the money, and that he took the appointment from Hoffa for "what good I can do."

Perhaps Mr. Bender doesn't need the money, but certainly it would look like big pay to some of the truck drivers who look in Madison to Mr. Hoffa's union which will pay Bender and his two companions. What with office expenses, telephone bills and the like, Bender's pitiable and powerless committee probably will run through half a million dollars in the first year of

operation. This may look like small change to both Bender and to Mr. Hoffa. And it would be money well spent if it contributed anything to speeding up the housecleaning process in the Teamsters union for which a federally appointed monitor board and the McClellan committee have already pointed the way.

But only the very naive could hope that a committee appointed by Hoffa himself will take a single hoodlum off the International Teamsters payroll, end a single one of the trustships now run by Hoffa and his pals, or bring back the welfare and pension funds that have been looted by high officers in the International.

We don't think Mr. Bender is that naive.

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## Teamster Cleanup Will Go On---Bender

By AL OSTBOW

George M. Bender insisted today that the Teamsters Union "purity commission" of which he is chairman would not quit under fire.

Part of the fire came from Martin F. O'Donoghue, head of the three-man board of monitors appointed by Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts to supervise the nation's largest union.

O'Donoghue said the Bender commission was in direct conflict with the powers of the monitors.

The monitors, he said, will go before Judge Letts in Washington this week to seek a court ruling on the question.

But Bender maintained that his "anti-racketeering commission," appointed by Teamster President James Hoffa, "is not in any conflict with the court-appointed monitors."

"The monitors have no power over racketeering," the former Ohio senator declared. Bender, catching a plane

for Cincinnati, expressed irritation at criticism of his "purity commission" from the Senate Rackets Committee headed by Sen. John McClelland (D., Ark.).

The committee has subpoenaed William Presser, president of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters and the Cleveland taxicab union, and Louis (Babe) Triscaro, chief of the Excavators Union here, to testify Wednesday.

A task force of committee investigators was at work today in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati, making a last-minute check on information with which Presser and Triscaro will be confronted.

Bender said his commission would study the transcript of their testimony to determine whether or not to recommend their ouster.



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### George Bender's Second Willingness

Former Senator George H. Bender of Ohio has had a second thought about accepting the Teamsters' Union's offer to head an investigating committee to clean up the Teamsters Union. He says he will turn over his \$250 a day compensation to charity. This indicates certain qualms as Mr. Bender's pass, but exactly what qualms they are is not yet pinpointed. If the onetime United States Senator is sure of the rightness of his action in accepting the assignment, he would not be worrying about taking the money. And he isn't sure, why doesn't he quit? In either event, no amount of donations to worthy causes is going to make it look any different to take a man's money for passing judgment on his virtue. —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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Hoffa's Commission

Could anything be more  
bizarre than the appointment  
by Provisional President  
James R. Hoffa of a three-  
man commission to investi-  
gate charges of corruption  
in his Brotherhood of Team-  
sters—appointments by the  
very men against whom the  
most serious charges have  
been made?

The non-partisan McClain  
committee, armed with  
subpoena power and an able  
staff, has already turned up  
enough sworn evidence of  
teamster wrongdoing to glori-  
fy Mr. Hoffa plenty to do it  
cleaning up his union with-  
out any further probe. And  
the board of monitors ap-  
pointed by Federal Judge  
Lester to help reform it—  
approved by Mr. Hoffa—is  
now making recommenda-  
tions as to how teamster  
abuses should be curbed.  
What is there for the new  
Hoffa commission to do oth-  
er than what is being done,  
far better, already—except  
to serve the interests of its  
creator?

Senator McClellan raised  
the leading question about  
the commission the other day  
when he said: "Can and will  
it move against Mr. Hoffa  
himself?" Commission Chair-  
man Bander was asked that  
question at a news confer-  
ence. "It surely can" would,  
of course, have been the  
only answer to inspire con-  
fidence. But Mr. Bander's  
reply was merely that the  
commission "was under no  
restrictions."

Maybe so. But it would  
take rare and disinterested  
courage indeed for its mem-  
bers—who, incidentally, are  
reported to get \$250 a day  
for their services on a job  
that may last for several  
years—to recommend dismis-  
sal from the union of the  
very men who gave them  
their jobs. We hope they  
have such courage, for that  
is obviously just what they  
should do.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1968

#### HOFFA'S PANEL DEAD, UNION MONITOR SAYS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (UPI)—The chairman of court-appointed monitors for the Teamsters Union challenged today what appeared to be a counter move by James R. Hoffa, president of the union. He declared that as far as he was concerned as anti-racketeering commission created for the union by Mr. Hoffa was dead.

He is Martin F. O'Donoghue, Washington lawyer. The board of monitors has two other members.

Mr. O'Donoghue asserted that the three-man "cleanup" commission named by Mr. Hoffa "will not come into existence" because it is "in direct conflict with the powers of the monitors."

"So far as I am concerned it

is interred," he said in an interview.

The board of monitors was set up by Federal District Judge F. Dickinson Letts in January in settlement of a suit by fifteen rank-and-file union members who fought the election of Mr. Hoffa to the union presidency as "rigged." Judge Letts allowed Mr. Hoffa to assume the presidency on condition that the monitors keep a watch on his activities.

The other monitors are L. N. D. Wells, a union representative, and Godfrey F. Schmidt, New York lawyer, representing rank-and-file teamsters.

Mr. O'Donoghue said that the monitors would meet tomorrow to draw up a petition to Judge Letts "to spell out our powers."

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The Transport Union's anti-racketeering commission must conflict with court-appointed monitors of the union, Martin F. O'Donoghue, chairman of the monitors, said. Therefore, he said, the commission named by Teamster President Hoffa "will not come into existence." Tomorrow the members will discuss with the union's executive board plans for a Transport convention aimed at eliminating the monitors.



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## Bender Says His Group Won't Quit

Special To The Beacon-Journal  
CLEVELAND—Former Sen. George H. Bender, of Cleveland, insisted today that the Teamsters Union, of which he is chairman, would not quit under fire.

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not in any conflict with the court-appointed monitors."

"The monitors have no power over racketeering," Bender declared.

He quoted the court order which instructed the three-man board of monitors to restore democracy to the union, ensure members the right to free speech and honest elections, establish accounting controls and ensure no union official holds a "substantial interest" in companies which hire Teamsters.

"You see," Bender said, "there is no conflict between

our commission and the monitors. They are doing an excellent job. But our job is to clean hoodlums and racketeers out of the union."

BENDER, catching a plane for Cincinnati, expressed irritation at criticism of his "purge commission" from the Senate Rackets Committee headed by Sen. John McClellan, Arkansas Democrat.

The Committee has subpoenaed William Presser, president of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters and the Cleveland Taxicab Union, and Louis "Babe" Triscaro, chief of the Excavators Union here, to testify Wednesday.

A task force of committee investigators was at work today in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati, making a last-minute check on information with which Presser and Triscaro will be confronted.

Bender said his commission

would study the transcript of their testimony to determine whether or not to recommend their ouster.

# REPORT HOFFA PLANS PURGE OF TEAMSTERS

## Officials Slated to Resign

Ousters to Start  
This Week in  
'Internal Cleanup'

By ROBERT S. BALL  
An Associated Press Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—A number of Teamster Union officials will submit their resignations to the union's general executive board starting early next week. The Detroit News was informed today.

The resignations will be handled by Teamster President James R. Hoffa as the opening phase of his own internal cleanup movement under the administration of the three-year-old Teamster "anti-racketeering commission."

### SENATE WITNESSES

The commission, headed by former Ohio Senator Donald H. Benson, and with former Wayne Circuit Judge Ira W. Jayne as a member, was appointed by Hoffa Aug. 23 to counteract growing pressure from a court-appointed board of monitors for expulsion of union officials with questionable backgrounds. The resignations will be submitted by a number of officials who either have appeared as witnesses before the Senate labor-management tactics committee, or who have been described in testimony as having criminal records or as having employed gangsters and bandits in conducting union business.

The identity of those who have been persuaded by Hoffa to resign—reportedly as recommendations of the Benson commission—could not be learned. Hoffa has been under heavy fire from the Senate committee for his failure up to now to take action against underworld elements in the union, and against officials whose conduct has embroiled them with law-enforcement agencies.

### COURT SETTING SIGHT

The Teamster executive board is scheduled to meet in Washington Tuesday. An announcement of the internal cleanup is expected then.

At the same time, The News learned that the board of monitors plans to go into Federal Court Tuesday to seek a clarification on the decree which established the union overseers. The decree was issued last February by Judge F. Dickinson Latta.

The clarification would render the Benson commission "superfluous and unnecessary," according to Martin F. O'Donoghue, chairman of the monitors.

### OUSTERS RECOMMENDED

Hoffa and other Teamster officials have contended that Judge Latta's directive limited the monitors to offering recommendations for improving internal democracy in the 1,600,000-member union, and did not give them license to operate in the field of corruption or gangster infiltration.

It is this point that O'Donoghue hopes to clear up with Judge Latta next week.

Over the last several weeks the monitors, on a two in one basis, have recommended suspension and ouster proceedings against a number of top Teamster officials, including Owen Hart Brennan, an international vice president and president of Detroit Local 337.

Demanders of the monitors that the union act promptly on these recommendations for the most part have been ignored by Hoffa and his lieutenants.

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In two instances where Hoffa ordered the suspension of union officials—two in Chattanooga, Tenn., and one in Philadelphia—state court restraining orders were obtained blocking Hoffa's action on the grounds that it violated the union constitution.

### MEMBERS MAY QUIT

Meantime, reports were circulating that at least two of the three members of the Hoffa-appointed commission have decided that if Judge Latta rules that the monitors have the authority to clean up corruption in the union, they will withdraw.

Judge Jayne and F. Joseph Donohue, a former member of the District of Columbia Board of Commissioners, are reported to have agreed on this.

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Chairman Bender has not expressed himself publicly. While a source close to the union hierarchy said the upcoming series of Teamster resignations will be based on recommendations made by the Bender commission, Jayne himself said no action had been taken by his group.

"We have met several times in Washington," the judge said, "and have agreed to undertake nothing until the matter is cleared."

The commission last met on Tuesday.

**SEES NO CONFLICT**

Jayne said he did not see that the function of his commission "in any way interferes" with the monitors.

"But unless we get clear-cut

authority from the court we will disband," he added.

Donohue, meanwhile, said the commission members have not received the \$100 per day which each was offered by the union. Bender said he would also his fee in charity when he gets it.

Donohue told his reporter a week ago that the commission was still organizing and selecting staff, and had not acted on its cleanup commitment except to begin reading the lengthy record compiled by the Senate labor-management racketeering committee.

A source close to the union expressed doubt that resignations would be "managed" for any official who has been closely connected with Hoffa or his chief associates over a long period, on the ground that these individuals have too much information which might further incriminate some of the union hierarchy.

**COMMISSION STUDIED**

The Senate committee has indicated that it is surveying the backgrounds of the three members of the Hoffa-appointed

cleanup commission, and an initial disclosure on Bender's activities may be made next Wednesday, when William Presser, president of the Ohio conference of Teamsters and Hoffa's chief lieutenant there, is to be called as a witness.

A Cleveland newspaper said a week ago that Bender had received contributions from Teamster officials in his unsuccessful 1946 campaign for reelection to the Senate.

Presser will be questioned. He has denied this among other things, about a report that he has told his membership he expects to "get in trouble" with the Senate committee and may have to resign.

The committee is intrigued by the fact that Presser called a special election a few weeks ago and got himself elected for a new four-year term, thus paving the way for a possible payment by the union of a large amount of severance pay if he should resign.

**CONVICTED IN 1943**

Presser was indicted in 1941 for violating the Sherman anti-trust act on a charge that he unlawfully restricted the sale

of candy and cigaret vending machines. He paid a \$1,500 fine following his conviction in 1933.

In another development today, the Senate labor-management racketeering committee offered to help Michigan authorities if they wish to act against Teamster officials for failing to repay a million dollar loan from the union's welfare fund.

The offer came from the committee's chief counsel, Robert F. Kennedy, as he voiced disappointment over the failure of the Justice Department to prosecute cases uncovered by the committee.

**VOWS CO-OPERATION**

He cited several matters involving Teamster leaders and said it appeared they "could be developed further" by federal or state law enforcement agencies.

Kennedy said the committee would be "happy to co-operate" with the Michigan Bar Association and state authorities in connection with the loan.

He noted that Teamster attorney George B. Fitzgerald, of Detroit, and two associates received a \$31,000 fee from the real estate promoters who obtained the loan.

Earlier this week, Senate investigators charged that the Michigan Conference of Teamsters welfare fund stands to lose \$750,000 from the Stoeness County real estate venture that went sour.



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## Will Hoffa Let George Do It?

George H. Bender, the former Ohio Senator, is one of three men chosen by Jimmy Hoffa to go after the racketeers in the Teamsters union.

Bender talks a most excellent game. Listen to him as he was appointed to the "anti-racketeering commission":

"There'll be no Teamster whitewash. I want the public to judge the commission on the basis of what it does when it gets into operation.

"The doubting Thomases have already begun to holler. But neither they nor the public should try to pre-judge us. Give the commission a chance to show its intent and what it can do.

"We're going to call the shots as we see them. I am absolutely certain that whatever recommendations we make to the international union will be followed."

With due respect to the perils of pre-judgment, count us among the doubting Thomases.

However much respect George Bender and his two associates may command in this endeavor, the fact remains that James Hoffa commissioned them and James Hoffa will have the final word. And a promise by Hoffa to clean up the Teamsters warrants about as much belief, based upon past perform-

ance, as a promise by Al Capone to clean up Chicago.

Hoffa has built a powerful union with hoodlum tactics and hoodlums at both elbows. He was warned to get rid of them or be expelled from the AFL-CIO. He did nothing. He was expelled and still has done nothing.

He was warned by the McClellan Committee last year to clean up his house. He was dragged back before the committee this year and the house seems in worse order than ever.

George Bender may talk all he will. He may mean every word of it. But the key man still is Hoffa, and when Hoffa starts professing homage to cleanliness and light every man is entitled to a raised eyebrow.

If Mr. Bender doesn't mind, we'll go on believing that a clean-up among the Teamsters can come from only two sources, either singly or in combination:

(1) From the honest rank and file of the union, and honesty still is the numerical majority there, and

(2) From the heavy hand of Congress and the Administration, passing and enforcing laws against anionism gone corrupt.



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#### The New Hoffa Commission

New York Times: Could anything be more brazen than the appointment by provisional President James R. Hoffa of a three man commission to investigate charges of corruption in his Brotherhood of Teamsters—appointment by the very man against whom the most serious charges have been made?

The conservative McClellan committee, armed with subpoena power and an able staff, has already turned up enough sworn evidence of Teamster wrongdoing to give Mr. Hoffa plenty to do in cleaning up his union without any further probe. And the board of monitors appointed by Federal Judge Latta to help reform it—agreed to by Mr. Hoffa—is busy making recommendations as to how Teamster abuses should be curbed. What is there for the new Hoffa commission to do other than what is being done, far better, already—except to serve the interests of its creators?

Senator McClellan raised the leading question about the commission the other day when he said: "Can and will it move against Mr. Hoffa himself?" Commission Chairman Bender was asked that question at a news conference on Monday. "It surely can" would, of course, have been the only answer to inspire confidence. But Mr. Bender's reply was merely that the commission "was under no restrictions."

Maybe so. But it would take some and disinterested courage indeed for its members—who, incidentally, are reported to get \$250 a day for their services on a job that may last for several years—to recommend dismissal from the union of the very man who gave them their jobs. We hope they have such courage, for that is obviously just what they should do.

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The three-man committee named by James R. Hoffa as his own corruption cleanup team is being handsomely paid. It'll be easy money, too, if there's as little corruption as Hoffa claims.

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## Says Bender Started Teamster Cleanup

The suspension of one Teamsters Union official in Philadelphia and the investigation of the activities of another were made at the suggestion of George H. Bender's union appointed committee, it was learned here today.

Samuel Feldman, business agent of Local 929, Philadelphia, who invoked the Fifth Amendment before the Senate Rackets Committee when asked about a \$50,000 payoff, was suspended from office yesterday by James Hoffa, Teamster president.

At the same time a union panel was named to hear accusations against another union official, Roy Holman, secretary-treasurer of Teamster Local 107. On the panel is Joseph Donohue, Washington lawyer and member of Bender's committee.

It was also announced that Bender has said the suspension of Feldman and the investigation of Holman followed specific recommendations of his group.

Meanwhile, in Washington, D. C., a Senate Rackets investigator accused the Teamster Union today of trying to conceal a \$100,000 payoff to a Miami doctor and on a mission to the 1956 Republican National convention. Union Vice President Har-

old J. Gibbons denied the charge and accused Carmine Bellino, Rackets Committee accountant, of attempting "to distort a perfectly legitimate transaction."

But Gibbons, top Teamster official in the St. Louis area, agreed later with committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy that someone looking over the union record would not be likely to find out about the transaction.

He said the union sent the doctor, identified by the committee only as a Miami osteopath, to the GOP's San Francisco convention to confer with Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell.

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### Spotlight on Hoffa's Panel

Three weeks ago, James R. Hoffa, presumably ~~within~~ <sup>within</sup> the Teamster ~~Union~~ <sup>Union</sup>, appointed a "citizens' panel" with fairly impressive backgrounds to investigate charges of improbity or worse against some union officials. This maneuver troubled the board of monitors appointed by federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts as part of an out-of-court settlement of a suit by a group of Teamster members to have Hoffa's election as president invalidated. Whereupon the Teamster head began to talk about calling an early convention, obviously hoping to have his questioned election replaced by a new one and thereby get rid of the monitors.

But the monitors appealed to Judge

Letts (who retains jurisdiction). The result was a conference at which it was agreed that Hoffa would not move for a convention until, presumably, the monitors are satisfied it would be an honest one. Also that the "citizens' panel" can operate in ways not in conflict with the function of the monitors.

This puts it up to the panel to show whether it is free to follow clues dug up by the Senate Rackets Committee, for instance, into high places as well as low—to investigate the doings of Harold J. Gibbons, Hoffa's right-hand man, or even of Hoffa himself. And to the Teamster president to show what he proposes to do about some clean-up recommendations of the court-appointed monitors.



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#### George Bender's Second Thought

Former Senator George H. Bender of Ohio has had a second thought about accepting the Teamsters' Union's pay to head an investigating committee to clean up the Teamsters' Union. He says he will turn over his \$250 a day compensation to charity. This indicates certain qualms on Mr. Bender's part, but exactly what qualms they are he does not pinpoint.

If the onetime United States Senator is sure of the rightness of his action in accepting the assignment, what could be wrong about taking the money? If he isn't sure, why doesn't he quit? In either event, no amount of donations to worthy causes is going to make it look any different to take a man's money for passing judgment on his virtue.

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Mallory's own com-  
mission to weigh charges of  
Tamm's corruption. Let's  
hope there won't be any  
thumbs on the scales.

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Teamster boss Hoffa's setup of  
his own investigating committee  
presumably proves his dissatisfac-  
tion with the committee created  
by the Senate, doesn't it?

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Bender Takes Cover  
in Teamsters' Paper

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 9—  
Former U. S. Senator George  
H. Bender of Cleveland is the  
cover boy on the September  
issue of the International  
Teamster, out today.  
Bender rates the cover of  
the union's magazine because  
of his recent appointment by  
James R. Hoffa, teamster boss,  
as chairman of a union anti-  
 racketeering commission hav-  
ing the avowed purpose of  
ridding the organization of  
 racketeers and gangsters.



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## Bender Tries Grandstand Play To Obscure Hoffa Maneuver

**FORMER** Republican Congressman George Bender of Ohio has announced that he will

donate to charity the \$250 he will be paid by the Teamsters union to investigate the Teamsters union.

Mr. Bender's big grandstand play does not in the least satisfy the objections that have been made to the Mazarre proposal by James Hoffa, head of the Teamsters, that the union set up its own investigating board to investigate racketeering in the union.

The point is that Hoffa is seeking to ditch the monitoring procedure set up by a federal court to prod the Teamsters into cleaning the corruption out of the union. He wants to substitute his own board of inquiry, the members of which he will pay out of union funds to weigh the evidence against the union.

What a farce!

If, by his grandstand play, Bender hopes to dramatize that he doesn't need the money, he is wasting his time. It is widely known that he is a millionaire. More to the point is the fact that it is also widely known that he was supported by some of the Teamsters officials in the past when he ran for office. Hoffa and his predecessor, Dave Beck, have been Republicans for years.

The point is not whether Bender should keep the money Hoffa will pay him. The point is whether Hoffa should be allowed to name his own judge and jury in a case in which he is on trial.

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Senator Bentler, named to investigate  
the teamsters, says he might recom-  
mend ~~Senator Bentler~~. It's not the sort  
of thing we'd care to bet on, though.

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THE THREE-MAN committee named by James R. Hoffa as his own corruption cleanup team is being handsomely paid. It'll be easy money, too, if there's as little corruption as Hoffa claims.

## Bender Says He'll Donate Hoffa Pay

George M. Bender, chairman of the anti-rackets commission appointed by Teamster President James Hoffa, said today he would donate to charity any money he is paid for the job.

"That \$250 a day was never mentioned to me when I was asked by Edward Bennett Williams, Hoffa's lawyer, to take this job," Bender said today.

"I was told only about expense money. I don't need that money. That's not why I took the job," the former Ohio Republican senator said.

"I like Cleveland and I intend to run for public office again. I'm well fixed financially, so when and if I get any money from the Teamsters for work on this commission I'll donate it to charity. You name the charity," he told a Press reporter today.

Bender said the proof of his commission's work would be its results.

Bender, who himself is under investigation by the McClellan Labor-Machine Committee, said he would go to Washington tomorrow and attempt to name a staff to investigate the Teamsters Union.

"If we make recommendations to Hoffa and they are not pursued, well resign — that's all."

Walter Sheridan, a former FBI agent now an investigator for the McClellan committee, was in Cleveland last week pending possible links between Bender and William F. Pomeroy and Louis (Bebe) Rebozo, Teamsters officials here. Sheridan was checking campaign contributions records in Bender's election to the U. S. Senate in 1954 and his unsuccessful run in 1956.

"They'll find that not one red cent of Teamsters money went into any of my campaigns," Bender declared. "Let them check all they want."

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**Catches On Fast**

When told his appointment by James Hoffa as a \$250-a-day cleanup man for the Teamsters Union was to be investigated by the McClellan Senate Racket Investigating Committee, ex Senator George Bender snapped. "I have no idea about it and care less. Let them investigate until the cops come home." The former Ohio legislator has only been on the payroll for a couple of weeks and already he's talking like his bosses.

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## The Height of Arrogance

As a good many observers have suspected before now, there is no limit to the arrogance and conceit of James R. Hoffa, boss of the Teamsters union.

Most people thought that Mr. Hoffa got by with a good deal a year ago when he was allowed to take office as president of the giant union in the face of well documented charges that he was elected by fraud.

A group of his own dues-paying members, unable to prevent his succeeding to office, had to settle for a three-man board of monitors under the supervision of Federal Judge F. Dickinson Latta. The monitor board has proposed a number of fairly simple and obvious reforms for Mr. Hoffa's union, most of which the Teamster leadership has ignored.

Now Mr. Hoffa has named his own "commission" of three men to study the Teamster organization, its personnel and the charges against them, and make recommendations. One of Hoffa's three

commissioners is ex-Sen. George Bender, Ohio Republican, who was quiet as a little mouse when a House committee on which he served was hearing some of these same charges against Teamster tactics five years ago.

Hoffa's hand-picked little group, of course, has no legal standing in the courts and no official standing with Teamster members. Hoffa is using it simply to confuse the issues of corruption and strong-arm methods which the courts, the McClellan committee, and his own members have raised against the Teamster leadership.

If Judge Latta and his monitors mean to do anything about cleaning up the Teamsters, an obvious move now would be to disallow all expenses for the Hoffa group and see to it that they are put out of business immediately.

Mr. Hoffa doesn't need any further advisory groups so long as he keeps ex-convicts, arsonists, and strong-arm organizers in key positions around him.

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## Probers Get Files On Bender

The Ohio Secretary of State's Office has mailed copies of former U. S. Sen. George Bender's 1954 and 1956 campaign records to the Senate Select Committee in Washington.

Secretary of State Ted W. Brown said Walter J. Sheridan, who identified himself as an investigator for the committee, requested the records.

Bender recently was named chairman of James Hoffa's committee to study the relations between the labor union and state governments for a clean up. Rumors that Bender would be investigated by the committee have not been substantiated.

In Cleveland, Bender said he was happy to learn the committee is checking the records. The former senator and representative has denied receiving any campaign contributions from contributors.

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### On the Ropes

James R. Hoffa's recent appointment of a "commission" to investigate Teamsters Union racketeering and corruption would be merely funny if these scandals did not, as they do, tend to defame the entire labor movement. In a sense, however, Hoffa's silly pretense of investigating Hoffa may be encouraging. It is perhaps a sign that he is growing desperate, that his exile from the AFL-CIO, the latter's continuing drive to isolate him from other trade unions and the exposure of massive corruption in the Teamsters Union by the Senate Rackets Committee have hurt and hurt badly. What the acceptance of an "investigating" assignment as compromised as this does to the public credibility of the three members of the Hoffa commission is another question.

Plainly, Hoffa has been thrown off balance, else he would not have bothered with so transparent a gambit as the appointment of a "house cleaning" commission of his own. The gesture is unlikely to deceive anyone, certainly not the disaffected members of his own organization who know all too well the kind of subservient loyalty Mr. Hoffa demands—and gets—from his henchmen.

A group of rank-and-file Teamsters has, indeed, already given its answer to Hoffa's defensive ploy. It has asked the Board of Monitors appointed by the U. S. District Court to oversee the clean-up of the scandal-ridden union to obtain the removal of Hoffa from the union's presidency. He has made no attempt to eliminate corruption, they charge, and "the only way to clean up this organization is by the removal of Mr. Hoffa." Whether the Court could or should go this far without a further showing of the membership's wishes may be doubted. But it is clear that Hoffa is sagging on the ropes and that, if the members want a clean-up, now is the time to press for it.



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## Bender Can't Wait

By Robert C. ...

WASHINGTON—George H. Bender's political career in Ohio crashed head on into President J. Lausche two years ago and a lot of folks said he was through.

Now he's back in the national spotlight, but in a fashion that these same prognosticators argue will end forever whatever political aspirations he may have left.

And you can bet he still has them.

Taking Tennessee's Union House Jimmy Hutto's offer to become chairman of a committee of three to rig the big union of mechanics does seem ill advised. But Bender doesn't see the possibility of death, and he sees the possibility of turning the appointment into a political advance.

"The only road 'out' for Bender at the moment appears to be a decision by his committee, charging Hutto tried to curb his honest probe of union misdoings. A likely development would be a succession up the shabby union that did appear lately under Hutto's reign."

IF BENDER PERFORMS the feat of turning his present post into a springboard something to run for, Lausche's term ends Jan. 1, 1962. Senator John W. Bricker is favored to win this bid and he will now up the remaining Ohio Senate seat for six more years. The next governor will serve four years. Bender is 62. He can't wait four years up his years. That means he must have his eye on the new congressional seat the Ohio U.S. House is expected to create. This would be an at-large seat. Bender served in this capacity six terms before Ohio drove out her congressional district, and as an elected to represent the 3rd (Cleveland) district in 1952.

Bender would still be representing the district had he not aspired to climb another rung of the political ladder. He now remains Burke of Cleveland to win the remaining two years of the late Senator Robert A. Taft's term, then lost to Lausche two years ago by a narrow margin.

After weeks of waiting for a good federal job handout from President Eisenhower, Bender was named an assistant to Interior Secretary Fred Brown. He worked hard on the job, but when he wanted to be in it, Jockeys Interior programs, including disaster statehood, wasn't one, two with the excitement, the publicity and, most important of all, the adulation that is a congressman's job.

As it has to be an elective office.

IF THE "PURITY" committee, headed by a desperate Hutto is to be Bender's vehicle for a return to office, the Senator must do better.

He has pulled two big ones. He summoned reporters to a press conference shortly after his appointment, vowing to have with him his two fellow committee members, Washington attorney F. Joseph (Jiggs) Donohue and retired Detroit Judge, Ira W. Jayne.

Skeptical newsmen turned the conference into a shambles.

The other day he got into a brief argument with Chairman John McClellan (D-Ark.) of the Senate Rackets Committee over rumors that the committee is investigating him. A Transmitter spokesman complained privately that this was "stupid."

These are typical Bender doings—the heavy foot on the wrong key, and this character has haunted him throughout his long political career. There were the bell-ringing demonstrations for Taft at GOP national conventions, his wrangle with Chairman Clare Hoffman (R-Mich.) when his congressional committee probed labor racketeers in 1954, and numerous foot-to-the-mouth cracks made during campaign travels.

But, for Bender or not, he's never long out of the news.

He couldn't have helped being dismayed at the blains of criticism he has received already, but he is willing to go ahead, adding only that the communists be given a chance. Or perhaps it is as the Chinese say: "He who rides a tiger is afraid to dismount."

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## Bender Calls Check of His Files Waste of Tax Money

"Isn't it a horrible thing to waste the taxpayers' money like this?" George H. Bender, former United States senator and Cuyahoga County Republican leader, asked yesterday in commenting on a Senate committee's investigation of his 1956 campaign contributions.

"It's horrible," he said. "It's terrible. It's incredible." Bender, of his home in Chagrin Falls, spoke up when he learned the Senate anti-rackets committee was looking into the contributions list. That year he ran unsuccessfully against United States Senator Frank J. Lausche.

The Republican recently got a new job, head of a union cleanup commission established by James H. Brown, president of the Teamsters Union. Apparently, the committee wants to see if Bender got any contributions from the Teamsters in Cuyahoga. Secretary of State Ted W. Brown said yesterday that copies of the statement of expenditures had been sent airmail special delivery to the committee in Washington. As a matter of fact, the list already is in Washington, it was said.

Reveries for '54, '56

The list was that filed by the Northern Ohio Bendes for Senate Committee of Cleveland in 1956. Also, a copy was sent of the statement filed by the Bender for Senate Campaign Committee in 1954.

In 1954, Bender defeated United States Senator Thomas A. Burke, former Cleveland mayor. Lausche, who was then governor, had appointed Burke to the seat, which was vacated when Robert A. Taft of Cincinnati died.

"Why, this is ridiculous," said Bender, "a horrible waste of the taxpayers' money. They could

have gone right across the street to the Esau Building where I have my office and gotten the list of contributions. I have copies there."

Bender said that "if they can find where any treasurer, or any associate of any treasurer, contributed to my campaign, I'll be very much surprised."

"I wouldn't say so if this wasn't true," he remarked. "It's incredible they should use this method," he added, speaking of the Senate committee.

### Check O'Neill Figures

Democratic State Headquarters in Columbus is planning to examine the reports of receipts and expenditures of the 1956 campaign of Gov. C. William O'Neill.

Ray Deros, the Plain Dealer's political writer, reported from Columbus that the Democrats there wanted to look at the governor's list with an objective similar to that of the Senate anti-rackets committee in Washington.

The headquarters has copies of the Republican finance committee receipts and expenditures statement for 1956. It was said, and would go over it carefully.

tee headed by Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.). "They are trying to create an aura of suspicion before we ever have a chance to get working."

17th by \$250 Talk

"I need this job like I need a broken leg," he said.

Bender and his colleagues on the union committee will get \$250 a day for each day they work, and Bender has told newspapermen he is annoyed by stories that lay too much stress on the pay. He said he didn't need that money.

"I might as well give it to charity, since Uncle Sam takes that big chunk out of it," he said.

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Senator Irving M. Ives (R-NY), vice chairman of the anti-rackets committee, was quoted by the Associated Press as saying of Hoffa's creation of the Bender group: "Anything created by Hoffa can't have anything good about it."

Dealer Teamster Aid

Bender said here yesterday that no official of the teamsters had ever contributed to any of his political campaigns. He said he had no objection to the scanning of the names of contributors.

"It's all a matter of public record," he said. "I have nothing to hide. If they want to do this thing, it's perfectly all right with me."

In Columbus, Brown told the Plain Dealer that his office had received a call for the Bender records and that they were sent after a quick copying machine job.

The AP said that Hoffa has declined to tell newsmen whether the Teamsters had contributed to the Bender fund. And now the committee has subpoenaed for questioning William Prosser, Cleveland teamster official.



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William Kulsea:

## Random Political Comments Suggest Why 1958 State Voter Should Be Careful

By William Kulsea  
(News Landing Bureau)  
ANSING—Random comments on things political and why the 1958 Michigan voter should watch himself.

For four years Democrats have bored the GOP and its highway chief, Charles M. Ziegler, for building "hole and caissons" of roads in the state . . . so when Democrats dedicated the 34-mile Clio-Fenton expressway, they called it the "legendary stretch of toll-free limited access expressway in the Midwest second longest in the nation." It was started and built mostly under Ziegler.

GOP candidate Paul D. Bagwell said Democrats goofed because they wouldn't permit investment of \$100,000,000 in road bond funds in short-term tax notes for public schools, to help get lower interest rates for schools. A quick look at the bond resolution would show him bond buyers made sure the money would be invested only in government securities, as a safety measure.

The GOP has a state of "un-

known" as the Nov. 4 ballot . . . a critical organization . . . That would . . . Justice writer to the state of Michigan . . . back in 1954. The Democrats, with Williams at the top of the ticket, made R; they were James M. Hare, Harold A. Brown, Thomas M. Kav-  
anough and Victor Targonski . . . Bagwell isn't Williams, true, but mistakes often happen, as they did in 1954.

Democrats are confident GOP candidates, Allan G. Witherman, for state treasurer; Jason L. Hennigman, for attorney general; John V. Clements, for auditor general, and Raymond A. Plank, for secretary of state, will revert to "unknown" status after Nov. 4.

Hennigman, Detroit lawyer, is the first member of the Jewish faith ever nominated by a major political party for a state-wide office in the executive branch of government. Plank is the first to be nominated by a party while attending a convention as alternate delegate.

Not Really So Silent

"Nancy's Scrapbook" is a TV show put on by Mrs. Nancy Williams, wife of Gov. Williams. . . . Advance gurus said scrapbooks kept up by Mrs. Williams comprise one of the best "morgues" of clippings on governmental and political events of the past 10 years in the state. . . . In 1952 Mrs. Williams criticized newspapers for not putting her husband on the front page, and the Michigan press was giving Democrats the "silent treatment." . . . Well, now . . .

Politicians have a habit of giving away things that don't belong to them. . . . A Detroit TV station of fered Williams and Bagwell four half-hour spots in October, in order to present issues of the campaign. . . . Williams said OK, but gave away three of the half hours to his racing mates. . . . now Philip A. Hart is telling the TV station what to do with the half hour al-  
located to him, setting up schedules on how to and by GOP opponent, Charles E. Potter, should handle it . . . not result may be no debates.

Democrats madders say Williams may rally a 100,000-vote majority next November. . . . optimism based on reaction to the governor's ap-  
pearance at state and strong pa-

The "corrupt labor boss" scare has GOP and Democrat leaders rereading every donation for link with Teamster boss James R. Hoffa. . . . GOP still is trying to figure background of offer made 30 days ago to Bagwell. . . . Bagwell said no.

Democrats are certain they will "take" the House of Representatives next fall. . . . They need seven seats to get a majority. . . . Among seats they hope to grab are those now held by Republicans in out-county Genesee and in Bay county. The division is now 41 Republicans and 49 Democrats in the 110-member house. . . . General election is 30 days away.

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# U. S. Fears Loss of Face in Asia, Will Aid Quemoy

By The Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Here's why the United States is virtually certain to fight if Chinese Reds attempt full-scale invasion of Quemoy and Matsu, and the Nationalists can't stop them:

Top U. S. officials DO NOT consider these offshore islands militarily essential to defense of Formosa.

But THEY DO fear Chiang Kai-shek's government would collapse if the Nationalists suffered a major defeat in the conquest of Quemoy and Matsu.

That would be followed, U. S. leaders feel certain, by the crumbling of the entire Free World position in Asia. Country after country now uncommitted would scurry to make friends with Peking.

And anti-Communist defense alliances in the area would go down the drain.

Therefore, President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles have agreed that Quemoy and Matsu, from a purely political point of view, must be defended.

They still hope it won't be necessary. Both Pentagon and State as of today believe the danger of an all-out Red attack has lessened.

And the Pentagon points out that every day that passes without an invasion decreases its chances of success. Sustained bombardment has been enormously costly to the Reds with little pay-off in weakening the Nationalists.

More timely next move: A blockade and siege. But belief here is that the Nationalists with our logistical support could break a blockade.

What Chiang can't stand up to—or our prestige in Asia, either—would be a quick, conclusive blow highlighted by the fact that the U. S. failed to come to his aid.

NOTE: Some White House insiders are worried about public reaction in America if we get into a shooting war over Quemoy and Matsu. The President has been getting a deluge of mail on it—running five to one against defending the islands.

These officials think the U. S. should try every possible means of averting a showdown, including renewal of talks with the Chinese Reds broken off in Geneva last winter. They'd like to see some third country (perhaps Britain) act as intermediary.

Wilson White, assistant attorney general in charge of Civil Rights is living in a rented house here for a special reason. (It's the official abuse domination was opposed by some leading Southern segregationists.)

White wanted to buy a house in a seamy neighborhood, one asked to sign a sort of covenant which requires in effect that he never sell to a Negro.

White wouldn't sign—on he rents in the same general area.



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**AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION NOTES**—New National commander, Preston Moore of Stillwater, Okla., estimates he and his friends spent \$40,000 to win the election. . . . Legion's "kiss-makers" are still War I veterans, though those from War II make up two-thirds of the membership. "The youngsters," remarked one old-timer, "just don't seem interested enough yet." . . . Also, the War II vets go in less for traditional highjinks of Legion conventions. Oldsters work at it, but their fatigue quickly shows.

Don't expect any quick action from Jimmy Hoffa's personal "anti-racketeering commission" headed by George Bender.

One reason, Bender lacks fill-in on the long list of hoodlums and thugs who've been linked with Hoffa and his Teamsters Union.

At one session Bender had to ask, "Who's John Dioguardi?" That, of course, was the notorious "Johnny Dio" now doing time for extortion, one of New York's worst and the thug whose face became known to millions.

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For Citizens' Study

To the Editor: The recent action of the Portland city council in appropriating \$10,000 to study our city charter for possible revision, such study to be made by the council's own employees, is probably more insulting to the intelligence of Portland's citizens than James Moxie's committee he appointed to investigate his own teamster organization.

I do not believe anyone can possibly expect any major suggestion for improvement for our city government to come from city employees who owe their jobs to the council for which they would normally suggest some improvements.

If Commissioner Bowes and his colleagues were very serious in their efforts to modernize our city government, they would have offered a proposal to spend this same amount of money to finance an independent study of our city charter and government. Such a study could have been made by representative citizens of Portland who would have to live with and under any changes of government that they suggest.

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# Anti-Racketeer Dem Plank Likely

By HOWARD THOMPSON

The Democrats state platform will have a plank against "racketeering" in labor unions, it was indicated Thursday on the eve of the party's two-day state convention.

A confident Michael V. DiSalle, the nominee, told a luncheon press conference Thursday he believed "there ought to be" a statement in the platform "against racketeering generally" as well as one against the proposed right to work constitutional amendment.

DiSalle will not appear personally before the convention platform committee at its opening session at 9 a.m. Friday at state headquarters, 100 E. State St., but undoubtedly his ways to make his desires known.

THE OPENING session of the convention, being held jointly with the annual meeting of the Federated Democratic Women of Ohio, will come at 8 p.m. Friday in the Daehler Hilton Hotel, U.S. Sen. Albert Gore (D. Tenn.) will deliver the keynote speech then.

DiSalle didn't connect them, but an anti-racketeer plank in the platform could be a link with the "ethical practices" law he outlined Thursday.

"I proposed enacting into law the AFL-CIO ethical practices code," DiSalle said. "I feel this kind of approach is necessary. I feel George Meany (AFL-CIO president) and many others are attempting to rid labor of racketeers but when these racketeers are ousted, Meany has no assurance as to their successors."

DISALLE SAID the proposed law would provide penalties for persons issuing labor charters for illicit or improper purposes; penalize those convicted of looting

health and welfare funds; forbid persons convicted of crimes from holding responsible union offices; forbid in-vestments in companies or accept anything of value from persons or companies with which unions deal, prohibit loans or investments of union funds for the benefit of an officer and ban union loans to companies with which they deal.

DiSalle said he would not object to a ban against using union dues for political purposes.

THE FORMER Toledo mayor took a dig at a Labor Day speech in Cleveland by Governor O'Neill, his GOP opponent, in which O'Neill called for the ouster of racketeers in Ohio labor.

"I would not have raised the issue of labor racketeering today if the governor had not so belatedly decided there were hoodlums in some Ohio labor groups . . . 25 days before the election."

He displayed a 1936 issue of a Toledo Teamsters Union paper with headlines telling "State Teamsters Endorse (George) Bonner for Senate—O'Neill for Governor." Bonner recently became head of a special committee named by James B. Madala, teamster

president, to oust racketeers in the union.

DISALLE SAID he turned down an offer of help in 1936 to get the teamsters' indorsement "because of my previous experience with Bill Presser, head of the Ohio Conference of teamsters. He said he wouldn't accept a Presser-sponsored indorsement this year, either."

DiSalle said there are many honestly operated Teamsters' unions in Ohio and he would accept an indorsement from them.

The nominee said he completed a post-primary tour of all 88 counties Wednesday, found a "lot of interest" and indication of "a real switch" away from O'Neill—a "switch" of no small proportions.

HE SAID HE will announce in a few days the organization of a Republican-for-DiSalle Committee, headed by "a widely known Republican."

Democratic State Chairman William L. Coleman will hold a briefing session for legislative candidates at 1 p.m. Friday and at 5 p.m. there will be a buffet dinner for county chairmen and state candidates.

The sessions of the Federated Democratic Women of Ohio will commence at 2 p.m. Friday with discussions

meetings on party organization.

Their meetings and the convention will continue Saturday, when the party platform will be approved.



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## Monitors Fight Hoffa Plan for Quick Session

By LEE M. COHN

Court-appointed monitors, in a petulant mood, plan a court fight to block any "quick" revision of the Teamsters Union and to dissolve the rival union, according to President James R. Hoffa.

The monitors also intend to challenge Hoffa's "or" clause of their contract, or clause of their contract, with corruption by the Senate Select Committee.

Hoffa, meanwhile, saw a little ground on the convention issue yesterday. He postponed a convention call at least until September 18, when his executive board will meet here with the monitors.

### O'Donoghue Firm

After a hectic day of meetings, Monitor Chairman Martin P. O'Donoghue said he was "very satisfied" at the progress of his challenge to Hoffa. Mr. O'Donoghue refused to report on the status of Federal District Judge P. Dickinson Letta, who set up the board of monitors. But Mr. O'Donoghue's manner clearly implied that he expects Judge Letta to back the monitors.

Hoffa's views on the anti-corruption commission were laid out for the first time. Mr. O'Donoghue said Hoffa's commission absolutely must go out of existence. If the commission is not dissolved, I will file a motion in court for the commission's dissolution.

He added: "We (the monitors) have the authority to clean up corruption with the power of court enforcement behind us. The commission has only the power to recommend and would weaken us."

Hoffa two weeks ago set up the commission, headed by former Senator George H. Bender, state chairman of Ohio, to investigate charges of corruption in the Teamsters. One of the three court-appointed monitors, Godfrey J. Schmidt, named was a stimulant to end corruption by the monitors. Mr. O'Donoghue said yesterday he agreed amicably with Mr. Schmidt.

Hoffa told reporters yesterday that the Bender commission will function as originally intended, separate from the monitors and not in conflict with them.

### O'Donoghue Backs Delay

Mr. O'Donoghue approved Hoffa's move to delay a convention call until discussing the issue with the monitors. The monitor chairman said he doubted the Teamsters would be ready for a convention by February, which would be Hoffa's target date. Mr. O'Donoghue contended it would take longer than that to institute reforms to guarantee a clean convention. Among

other things, he said, the monitors would be unable to check the eligibility of delegates because records are incomplete.

Judge Letta assigned the monitors to prepare the Teamsters' new constitution any time after next January. When the next convention is held and officers are elected, the monitors will be dissolved.

Hoffa apparently wants an early convention to consolidate his hold on the union, and to get rid of the monitors. He now is "provisional" president and there are scattered signs of insurrection in his 1.6 million-member union.

### Date Called Court's Right

Mr. O'Donoghue warned he will file a motion with Judge Letta if Hoffa calls a convention before the monitors' recommendation. The court clearly has the right to set the convention date, Mr. O'Donoghue maintained.

Hoffa has delayed compliance with several recent recommendations by the monitors for counter action against officials charged with corruption. Mr. O'Donoghue said he will seek enforcement by Judge Letta after the monitors meet here September 18.

He can count on support by a majority of the monitor board. Mr. Schmidt, who represents dissident Teamsters on the board, is even tougher than Mr. O'Donoghue in his stand on Hoffa. The third monitor, L. N. I. Wells, Jr., of Dallas, represents the Hoffa regime and habitually dissents from board actions.

Mr. O'Donoghue, Mr. Wells and Edward Bennett Williams, the Teamsters' general counsel, conferred about two hours with Judge Letta yesterday. In addition to discussing the Bender commission, they argued the union's contention that the monitors have overstepped their powers in issuing recent recommendations.

### Judge's Support Seen

All signs indicated that Judge Letta supported the O'Donoghue-Schmidt majority against Mr. Wells.

Mr. O'Donoghue said the convention was not discussed with Judge Letta.

In a meeting last night, the Teamsters announced, Hoffa received a standing vote of confidence from about 200 key officers gathered from all over the country. There was one unidentified dissenter, the union said.

The Teamsters executive board decided yesterday to bond all employees for \$30,000 each to "give our membership additional protection against dishonesty."

Previously, only officials handling money were bonded, and only for \$10,000. The monitors have charged this requirement if the union's constitution has been violated in some cases.



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**Is Bender Paying  
Price of Naivete?**

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Next it was discovered that one of the two assistants, a retired Michigan circuit judge, is chairman of the board of an insurance company partly owned by Mr. Hoffa's attorney.

Then the charge was made—and promptly denied by Mr. Bender—that the Teamsters contributed heavily to his last senatorial campaign.

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In this phase of his career, Mr. Bender is running up against a difficulty he has experienced before—that of getting people to take him seriously. When he took on an assignment that it is almost impossible for any informed person to take seriously, he compounded the difficulty.

That was George Bender's basic mistake. Since it seems to have been made in all innocence, perhaps the country can afford to spare him a measure of sympathy.

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## MONITORS GIVEN TEAMSTER PLEDGE

After Talk With Judge, Board  
Is Told Union Won't Let  
Own Inquiry Interfere

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The court-appointed monitors of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters were apparently assured today against interference from a commission that the union had appointed to investigate charges of racketeering against the teamsters.

This assurance apparently developed from a meeting of two of the three monitors with the Federal judge, F. Dickinson Lettis, who appointed the board of monitors.

As an outcome of this conference, and of communications between the teamsters and the monitors, two other decisions were made.

First, it was agreed that the union's three-man commission, headed by former Senator George H. Bender of Ohio, would continue to operate. Second, it was decided that James R. Hoffa, teamster president, would hold in abeyance his move to call an early convention of his union.

The meeting with Judge Lettis was requested by Martin F. O'Donoghue, Washington lawyer who heads the monitors' board. Mr. O'Donoghue said he had come away from the conference "very well satisfied."

Also at the conference were E. N. D. Wells, Dallas lawyer who is a monitor nominated by the Teamsters, and two union lawyers. The third monitor, Godfrey P. Schmidt, New York lawyer, was absent.

### Hoffa Explains View

Mr. Hoffa was asked later whether he had received a favorable report on the conference with Judge Lettis. Mr. Hoffa replied:

"The commission will function as it was originally intended—separate from the monitors and not in conflict with the monitors."

The commission also held a meeting today at the Teamsters' headquarters and adjourned until tomorrow without comment. Besides Mr. Bender, its members are F. Joseph Donohue, Washington lawyer, and Ira W. Jayne of Detroit, a former judge.

Mr. Hoffa, who is eager to hold a convention soon, told newsmen that the union's executive board had discussed the convention proposal and decided to accede to a written request from the monitors for a conference first.

The monitors will meet alone on Sept. 15 and with the teamsters' executive board on Sept. 16.

Asked why he wanted a convention, Mr. Hoffa said: "I think the membership is entitled to have as officers those whom they desire to have, and to re-evaluate their position."

Mr. Hoffa was elected last October to a five-year term. However, a lawsuit by thirteen dissidents, charging that the convention had been rigged, barred him from office. Trial of the suit was suspended under a bench decree that permitted him to take office provisionally and established the board of monitors.

### Monitors Seek Safeguards

The monitors have indicated that they would not consent to another convention and election until they were satisfied that the election of delegates was carried out democratically in all local unions.

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The monitors have already made some recommendations. One line called for the suspension and trial of Mr. Hoffa's friend and business partner, Owen Albert Brennan, a general vice president of the union.

Mr. Hoffa said the executive board had decided to leave the monitors' recommendations to the president and secretary-treasurer of the union "for discussion under our constitution." With reference to Mr. Brennan, Mr. Hoffa said he had asked the monitors for certain information and that he was waiting for a reply.

Mr. Hoffa and the secretary-treasurer, John P. Bagley, were also authorized to work out substitution arrangements with any union that cancelled agreements it had with the teamsters. A policy decision last month by the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, barred member unions from making deals with unions expelled from the Federation for corruption. The Teamsters Union was dropped on such charges.

Mr. Hoffa said he still wanted to go along with the union in the Federation.

"There is no reason why we shouldn't," he said. "I think they are being premature against these measures."

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**Bender Denies  
Teamsters Aid  
in Vote Drive**

By Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — George H. Bender today denied the Teamsters Union assigned nine of its men to work full-time for him during his 1956 senatorial campaign.

"I have no knowledge of that," said the former senator recently named chairman of Teamster Boss James Hoffa's committee to rid the union of racketeers.

The charge that Bender had been helped by the volunteer campaign came from Teamster sources in Cincinnati, O.

"I've checked my records thoroughly and find no union campaign contribution, either," said Bender.

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### Tea And Crackers

The three-man committee, named by James Hoffa, as his own corruption cleanup team, is being paid handsomely. It'll be easy money, too, if there's as little corruption as Hoffa claims.

Lots of speeders don't wake up to the danger in it until they're pinched.

Life says: A girl always can tell when the right man comes along; he's the first one who notices her.

Though Sherman Adams once was rated as a top Republican give-'em-you-know-what speaker, campaign managers are showing a tendency to try out some new talent at the hot gun muzzles this fall.

Parting Thought: The things we never get usually worry us more than the things we lose.

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### Hoffa's Transparent Motive

In the field of investigation of the International Teamsters Union so far as that Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa has decided to get into it himself?

That could be one facetious explanation for Hoffa's appointment of a three-man board, headed by former Sen. George Bender, to investigate the union. Hoffa has added Bender, F. Joseph Donahue, a former District of Columbia commissioner, and Ira W. Jayne, a retired Detroit judge, to determine whether racketeers have "infiltrated" the Teamsters Union, and whether any "alliance" exists between Teamster officials and racketeers.

There is little question about what the Teamster boss is up to. He is trying an end run around the monitors appointed last year by a federal court to supervise his operations of the nation's (and the world's largest) labor union. The chairman of the monitor group has called Hoffa's appointment of the investigating board "outrageous."

We doubt that others will take the appointments that seriously. The whole

stunt is too transparent to convince anyone but the most naive that Hoffa sincerely wants further investigation of his union. If he did, George Bender, an Ohio politician whose principal qualification for office was a loud voice, is hardly the man to make it. Nor will anyone be convinced that any organization can hire an impartial investigation of itself.

If President Hoffa wants information about the racketeering and gangsterism in his union, he need only pick up a copy of the long record of the McClellan Committee or the investigation of the AFL-CIO board. Both are chock full of interesting information about racketeering, and both of them implicate Hoffa himself as a chief source of much of that corruption. The McClellan Committee could do little else but expose the record of Hoffa and the Teamster leadership. The AFL-CIO could and did more: It tossed out both Hoffa and his union.

It will be interesting to see how the record of the Hoffa-appointed Bender committee checks with the records of these other investigations.

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**BENDER GETS BRUSHOFF  
FROM PROSER MCCLELLAN**

**Former Senator Barely Gets  
Word In Edgewise At Hearing**

WASHINGTON — Former Sen. George Bender who was voluble as a congressman barely got a word in edgewise or otherwise Tuesday at the Senate Rackets committee hearing.

The Ohio Republican who has been named by Teamster President James Hoffa to head a union "clean-up" commission got an abrupt public brush-off from committee chairman John L. McClellan, (D) Ark.

Bender tried to talk to McClellan about what he said were "all kinds of insinuations" against him for accepting the commission post.

McClellan, without pausing to

listen to his former colleague, snapped: "If you want to make a self-serving public statement, make it to the press."

Persisting, Bender sought to tell McClellan about claims he had received teamster money in his Ohio campaigning.

Edging past the ex-senator, McClellan coldly commented: "There's nothing in the record that mentions you. If something comes up and you wish to appear, you have the right."

He criticized the McClellan committee for producing "a lot of sound and fury, a lot of talk." Bender said any clean-up of the teamsters must come from the inside.

"This is not a whitewash job," he said. "I believe I can do some good and if I can't, I'll get out."

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### He Hires A Senator

One of Teamster Boss Jimmy Hoffa's hired hands is former Sen. George Bender of Ohio.

When a union boss with a police record as long as a man's arm can hire a former member of the U.S. Senate to be his personal clean up man (at \$50 a day), it is a sign of the vast power the masters of labor have won for themselves.



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## Bender Et Al Would Find It Hard To Collect For Critical Report

Not many sensible people will be critical of Sen. John McClellan, chairman of the Senate Rocketeering Committee, for declining to make his committee a forum for former Sen. George Bender, of Ohio, who asked permission to read a statement in his own defense. Bender is drawing \$250 per day from the Teamster union as a member of a Hoffa-appointed committee which is supposed to be conducting an independent investigation of possible corruption in the nation's biggest union. The charge had been made that Bender had received campaign contributions prior to his defeat by Sen. Frank Lausche and that thus his impartiality had been impaired. He wanted to deny it before the McClellan committee.

Well, of course, the American people will deserve to be pardoned if they share the apparent judgment of Senator McClellan that the Bender crowd was hired by Hoffa to deliver a whitewash of Hoffa and the union. After all, the public has heard and read the testimony before the Rocketeering Committee, which has apparently accepted Hoffa's notion if he feels it necessary to hire an independent group to make an investigation.

If George Bender and his associates don't think they were hired to whitewash let them make a report that includes the facts of corruption already known to the whole country and then try to collect their per diem of \$250 per day!

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By PAUL HEALY

Washington, Sept. 3.—George Harrison Bender, the ex-Senator who has been hired at \$250 a day by Jimmy Hoffa to investigate his Teamsters Union, wants the world to know that he is not a kept man.

Bender is chairman of a three-man commission Hoffa set on recently to insure that the Teamsters are run by good, honest, energetic and capable men. The idea that the Bender group is being paid to eat the union was widespread has struck a number of cynical observers, most notably the Area racket commission. Well and so, says Bender.

"Perhaps, on the Good Book says, some of the conferees will come up and call our name blessed," he remarked in an interview today. Warning up, Bender went on:

"It's my thought to clean house and have the union by right. Since his election (a year ago) Hoffa hasn't had time to do much even if he wanted to. I think the commission was appointed to take the heat off him. I don't know. But at least here's a man that absolutely recognizes it has racketeering—a racket as an anti-racketeering commission."

But will he go after Hoffa himself, and does he agree with Hoffa that a criminal record should not bar a member from a position of trust? On these delicate matters, the usually inquisitive Bender falls silent, he says each matter will be taken jointly by himself and his two colleagues—F. Joseph (Jiggs) Donohue, a Irish Democratic politician, and former Detroit Circuit Judge Ira W. Joyce.

Teamsters the trio will meet to discuss hiring a counsel and staff of investigators and how to go about biting the hand that feeds them. Eventually, the operation will move into a suite in the nearby Teamster headquarters, just across a grassy plain from the Senate office building and that unbridled Teamster, the Senate racket commission. Just who will be helping on eye on a time in the big Teamster building is not yet clear.

Bender is unimpressed about hints that the racket commission will question Hoffa's past associations with Teamsters. "I've been the most investigated man in Ohio," he says, with justification.

"Don't tell me Robert Kennedy (chief counsel) has a picture when he comes—of Hoffa and me together at a picnic," Bender said today. "It's entirely possible. But it has no significance."



George M. Bender.

Out to make Teamsters right

#### In Any Case, He Lost Election

As for being backed by the Teamsters in his Ohio Senatorial campaign of 1934, Bender explains that he was the "lesser of two evils." He says that the whole state AFL organization endorsed him because they liked his opponent, Democratic Gov. Frank Lausche, less. But he points out that in areas where the AFL was strongest Bender lost most heavily. In fact, he lost the election.

Bender served six terms as GOP Congressman in Ohio before serving out the last two years of the term of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft in 1935-36. Bender then was made an assistant to the Secretary of the Interior. His task was to promote trade and tourism in the territories and promote statehood for Alaska.

Bender recalls that he made a trip to Alaska, organized a letter-writing campaign to put pressure on Senators and Congressmen and generally "hot-footed it around" for statehood. When statehood appeared to be in the bag last May, Bender resigned from the Interior Department, mission accomplished.

#### One of D.C.'s Happiest Characters

Bender was plump as ever but a shade less jovial today as he talked in his business office (insurance and sundry industrial investments) just around the corner from the Teamsters' Building. For years, he has been famous as one of Washington's most boisterous characters, known for his convivial parties, his Christmas cards (\$50.00 annually), his hymn-singing (in a booming bass), and his deafening bull-baiting for Taft at GOP conventions.

Bender insisted that he expected the skeptical public reaction to the fact that the world's biggest and toughest union hired him to do what no one else has been able to do: clean it up. The test of sincerity will come when the commission makes its recommendations, he says.

Bender said his commission will do a better—and quieter—job than either the racket committee, which has been probing the Teamsters from top to bottom for a year, or the three-man board of monitors appointed by a federal court to watch over the union. He says the record proves that he was a fair but fearless investigator while serving as a member of one House and one Senate probe committee.

As Bender admits, he is used to hot water. Back in 1931, he was indicted on charges of having embezzled \$22,750 belonging to the Constitutional Law Enforcement League—which consisted of himself. The jury found him not guilty.

The 61-year-old politician recalls with a chuckle that he has been a ready "contraband figure" ever since he made his first speech for Teddy Roosevelt as a leather-lunged boy.

Since he has been given no deadline, there is no telling how long it will take Bender to locate the skeletons in the Teamsters' Building. However, when a reporter asked Bender recently how long the job would take, a veteran Ohio newspaperman unkindly piped up with: "At \$250 a day? Five years!"

Bender wants it known that the commissioners do not keep union hours and do not get paid \$250 every day—only the days they work. He says the question of a fee was not even mentioned until after they took the job.

"Then," he says, "Edward Bennett Williams (the union's general counsel) asked if \$250 a day would be satisfactory. We said yes."

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## Bender Hits Critics Of Cleanup

Teamsters' Lab War Described, Page 3.

WASHINGTON Bureau Staff  
WASHINGTON — George Bender, former Ohio senator and chairman of the Teamsters Union cleanup committee, today attacked critics of the committee's published reports that the group is ending investigations.

Bender appeared at the hearing Tuesday and asked for a conference with Chairman John McClellan (D., Ark.).

He accused members of the committee staff of "feeding stories" to the newspapers about himself and Ira W. Jayne, retired Wayne County circuit judge who is a member of the committee named by Teamster President James R. Hoffa.

McClellan told Bender there had been no testimony before the committee involving him. If there were, McClellan said, Bender would be given a chance to reply.

BENDER TOLD reporters he was referring to newspaper reports that Jayne was on the payroll of an insurance company owned by Hoffa's lawyer, George Fitzgerald, and Hoffa's accountant, Herbert Grossberg.

He said the stories also reported that McClellan's committee has a picture showing Bender campaigning in 1954

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with his arm around William Frazier, an ex-convict who is president of the Ohio Teamsters Council.

Bender said he does not recall ever naming Frazier in 1954.

"All unions were against me in 1954," Bender said.

He said the Ohio AFL endorsed him in the 1954 campaign "as the lesser of two evils."

Bender, a Republican, was defeated in 1954 by Democratic Senator Frank Lausche.

Bender, charged to report on the union's campaign contributions from the Teamsters Union.

Hoffa earlier had refused to tell newsmen whether Bender ever had received direct or indirect financial support from the Teamsters in his election campaign.

McClellan recalled to reporters a recent statement in which he said he wondered whether creation of the Bender commission was a sort of lightning rod maneuver.

Senator Irving M. Ives (R., N.Y.), the committee's vice chairman, said he has little faith in the Bender inquiry.

Ives said he has always had a lot of faith in Bender, but that "if Mr. Bender had received campaign contributions from Hoffa before undertaking this assignment, Mr. Bender might be regarded as prejudiced on a job in which he should be neutral. It would represent a conflict of interest in my judgment."

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# Bender Irked as Racket Probers Give Him the Cold Shoulder

By LOWELL K. BRIDWELL

Press Washington Writer

WASHINGTON—Former Sen. George H. Bender has challenged the Senate Racket Committee to investigate him "until the court come home."

The new chief of Jimmy Hodia's personal "antiracket commission" made his statement after being coldly rebuffed in an attempt to make a statement before the committee.

The former Ohio Republican paid his surprise visit to the committee hearing yesterday after he was read a news story saying the racket investigators reportedly were checking into Roy past relationships, he has had with Teamster Union officials.

"I went up there to let them I'm available anytime," Bender said. "I told them, 'here I am, ask me any questions you want.'"

Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), committee chairman, flatly refused to hear Bender's statement.

"If you want to make a self-serving public statement," McClellan told Bender, "make it to the papers."

**McClellan Cool**

McClellan said Bender tapped him on the shoulder as the day's hearing was ending and asked to make a statement.

"What about?" McClellan said he asked Bender.

"About myself," the senator quoted Bender as replying.

WASHINGTON — (UPI) —

Membership in the Teamsters Union climbed to a record high of 1,618,097 in August despite the charges leveled against him, according to Secretary-Treasurer John F. English.

Retired jurist Ira W. Joyce, Bender also protested reports that he received campaign contributions from racketeers.

Teamster officials in his successful bid to win a U. S. Senate seat in 1964 and his unsuccessful attempt to keep it in 1966. He said he received contributions from racketeers in connection with his defeat by Sen. Frank J. Lausche in the 1958 election.

"There's nothing in the record that mentions you," McClellan said. "If something comes up that is derogatory to you and you wish to appear, you have the right."

Later, McClellan said:

"We don't permit this committee to be used as a forum for self-aggrandizement. We intend to keep this investigation on the track."

Bender, however, denied that the encounter with McClellan was anything but pleasant.

"I shook hands with McClellan as he left," Bender said. "I talked with Bob Kennedy (committee chief counsel) this morning and he was very cordial."



"INVESTIGATE ME," former Sen. George Bender (right) told Sen. John McClellan of the Senate Rackets Committee. "Make your statement to the press," said McClellan. (UPI Telephoto)

**Wants to Protest**  
Bender also said he wanted to protest "all kinds of situations" that have been made since he accepted the chairmanship of the three-member commission to rid the Teamsters Union of racketeers.

"I have only one purpose in mind," Bender said, "and that's to see the Teamsters Union fly right. If I can do anything to help it, that's my purpose."

Bender also reminded that he wasn't on the commission payroll when he appeared at the committee hearing. He said he's getting tired of the constant emphasis on the fact he and the other two commission members are being paid \$250 a day for the days they work. The other members are Washington Attorney F. Joseph Delahue and Detroit

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#### Who Can Do Anything About Hoffa?

Editor, The News: Your editorial, "Hoffa Investigates Crime," ends by asking, "How long will the country go to put up with it?"

It is obvious that "Hoffa runs a hoodlum empire," but as for the country, I, as the people, doing anything about it, it really is up to President Eisenhower.

However, just as he refuses to do anything about inflation, other than to utter pious appeals to employers and unions, he seems oblivious or indifferent to the conditions you describe.—Roderick Morgan, S. F.

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**HOFFA INVESTIGATES HIMSELF**  
(Simplified Advocate)

Pres. James Hoffa of the Teamsters has asked a three-man commission to investigate charges that his union is riddled with infiltrators, and to recommend ways to clean it up. This is an interesting situation. The Hoffa union, which once belonged to the Reds, has been the subject of more investigation than the activities of many a movie star.

Congress, through the McClellan Committee, has been on the job for a year. Once Mr. Hoffa was even brought in court, but the friend of Joe Lewis was found not guilty by a jury of his peers. The fact is that the McClellan Committee has been so taken with Mr. Hoffa that it only had a short time to investigate the other union leaders like Reuther and Dubinsky. It was beginning to appear that Mr. Hoffa was a sort of diversion.

Then there is a watchdog committee of three court-appointed monitors watching Mr. Hoffa. The trouble is that they are unable to watch good many things because Mr. Hoffa won't let them. The monitors are unhappy, but their honest efforts, or the honest efforts of two of them at least, are of no avail.

Mr. Hoffa, who is extremely efficient, is annoyed at this inept behavior. Since, despite the record exposed by the Senate committee, and the watchfulness of the watchdog committee, not only nothing happens to curtail his activities, but no laws are passed to curtail his powers as well, he has reason to suspect something is wrong. He has now appointed his own committee to complete the circle. He is about to investigate himself.

There was a time when we thought that sooner or later such a display of arrogance would shock Congress into passing laws which would curtail the labor barons. Obviously, we were too idealistic. Congress was only narrowly prevented from passing the pretense labor control bill of Kennedy and Ives. We are still optimistic. Maybe those men who are apparently beyond the law at present will go so far that the American people will rise in ire and demand that Congress pass laws to protect them from exploitation.

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### Ex-Senator Gets A Cold Shoulder

(Washington Bureau of The Sun)  
Washington, Sept. 2—Former senator George Bender (R., Ohio) returned to Capitol Hill today to complain about the treatment he has been getting, only to get the cold shoulder from Senator McClellan (D., Maryland).  
Bender recently was appointed chairman of a three-man, \$350-a-day commission established by James R. Hoffa, president of the Teamsters. The purpose, according to Hoffa's announcement, was to help him "purge" the union.  
As the McClellan committee hearings broke up this afternoon, Bender approached McClellan to complain about "all kinds of treatment" he had suffered since he accepted the post from Hoffa.  
As McClellan edged by he told Bender, "If you want to make a self-serving public statement, make it to the press."  
Bender, talking to reporters after Senator McClellan brushed by him, said the McClellan committee had produced "a lot of wind and fury, a lot of talk" but that if the Teamsters Union were to be cleaned up, "it has to be from the inside."  
"From the top?" he was asked. "All the way," Bender replied. "This is not a white wash job. I believe I can do some good and if I can't I will get out."



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## Hoffa Racket Board Asks Judge's View

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by ROBERT S. HALL  
Of Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2

The cleanup commission appointed by Teamster President James R. Hoffa may rest its fate with the federal district judge who, under a consent decree, now is supervising the powerful Teamsters Union. It was learned today.

Former Circuit Judge Ira W. Jayne, in Washington, for a meeting of the Teamsters' anti-racketeering commission, told The Detroit News that he believes the commission should confer with Federal Judge F. Dukeman, Letts, who last February appointed a three-man board of monitors to supervise the affairs of the union.

The chairman of the commission, former Senator George H. Bender, of Ohio, told newsmen 10 days ago he had consulted with Judge Letts by telephone and had been encouraged to go ahead with the cleanup attempt.

**STORIES DIFFER**  
Subsequently, however, Judge Letts was quoted by a press association as having denied that he had given his blessing to the internal movement, and Martin F. O'Donoghue, chairman of the monitors, pub-

licized Hoffa for acting without the consent of his group.

Since then members of the Senate labor-management racketeering committee have expressed unanimous skepticism over both the motive and the ultimate accomplishments of the Hoffa appointed commission.

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and have begun a quiet investigation of a possible conflict of interest involving money.

"I think the commission should be guided by the opinion of Judge Letts," Judge Jayne said.

**MEETING SOUGHT**  
He added that he hoped his group could meet with the federal jurist within the next day or so.

The consent decree under which the monitors are operating was entered into as settlement of a dispute between dissident Teamsters who were contesting the election of Hoffa and his slate of officers at the union convention last fall and the Hoffa group.

Bender may be summoned to testify before the Senate committee.

**STATEMENT BLOCKED**

The possibility arose when Bender, whose fellow cleanup commission members are Jayne and F. Joseph Donohue, former District of Columbia commissioner, tried to make a statement before the Senate committee late yesterday.

Senator McClellan (D-Ark.), chairman of the committee, blocked Bender's attempt and when Bender persisted, McClellan said:

"There is nothing on the record that mentions you. If something comes up, and if may, you will have the right to appear and be heard."

Bender sought to address the committee when it began

known that Bender, Jayne and Donohue are under investigation by the Senate committee because of reputed Teamster ties.

Charges were made that Hoffa had contributed to Bender's campaign. Jayne had been associated with George S. Fitzgerald, Hoffa's attorney, and Herbert Granberg, Hoffa's accountant. In an insurance project and Donohue has represented union officials before the racketeering committee.

**HOFFA WON'T COMMENT**

Hoffa refused to confirm reports that he had put money in the Bender campaign, saying "I'm not commenting." Then he added, with a laugh:

"That's what the committee is trying to find out." Bender denied he is under

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obligations to the Teamsters but McClellan would not let him make this statement on the committee record.

Bender appeared at the committee hearing late in the afternoon and attempted to talk to McClellan while Harold J. Gibbons, executive assistant to Hoffa, was testifying.

When the hearing recessed, Bender again sought to engage McClellan, and the chairman was heard to mutter, "If you want to make a self-serving statement, make it to the press."

"I got a contribution from the head of Standard Oil in Ohio, but I voted against the natural gas bill," Bender persisted as grim-visaged McClellan pushed through the crowd.

McClellan then told Bender he might be summoned to testify before the committee.

Bender responded by telling reporters he has no recollection or records of having received Teamster campaign contributions.

"The Teamsters were out to give me the works in 1954,"

Bender said, referring to his first Senate race, "but Bill Premier was for me in 1956 as the lesser of two evils."

Presser is president of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters.

Bender also told newsmen he is impressed by the "sincerity and the integrity" of Judge Jayne and Donohue, his fellow commissioners.

Asked why the Hoffa-appointed commission is needed to rid the union of racketeers and hoodlums, Bender replied that if any cleanup move is to succeed it "has to come from the inside."

He said he resented insinuations by the Senate committee staff that his group is the subject of investigation.

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## Racket Probers Check On Bender

By LOUWELL E. BRIDWELL

WASHINGTON—George H. Bender is being "thoroughly investigated" by the Senate Rackets Committee, it was learned here today.

The committee plans to call an investigation Bender won him as a witness to explain his record in 1947 in which he was chairman of the 32nd-street, staffs a top lieutenant was chairman of a "party" very linked with the pinball racket business established by James J. Hoffa, controversial Teamsters Union president.

SEN. JOHN McCLELLAN, Arkansas Democrat, committee chairman, considers the Bender commission a "white-wash outfit." Bender, for Ohio senator has denied this.

But the Senate committee, refusing to accept Bender's interpretation, has assigned investigators to attempt to prove that Bender is a former political ally of Hoffa's friends.

Robert Kennedy, committee counsel, said he couldn't confirm or deny that Bender was being played under the committee spotlight. "I may have something to say in a few days," he added.

"I have no idea about it and care less," Bender said today when informed that he was under investigation.

Bender said his job is to recommend how to eliminate racketeer elements from the Teamsters Union.

The Senate Committee is expected to begin the details of

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## It's Futile, Mr. Hoffa

The last move of James Hoffa in appointing an anti-rackets committee to counteract efforts of the McClellan committee exposure will not register with the general public.

First of all it is a Hoffa appointed commission which is hardly consistent with the public's idea of getting unbiased action.

Next the members will be paid \$250 a day by Hoffa. While some people may be willing to bite the hand that feeds them, this step approaches the point of being ridiculous.

After the commission reports, Hoffa promises action "consistent with the union's constitution."

It must be realized that today there is a court appointed man for who has been

cated that he intends to get tough, based on Hoffa's failure to clean his official family of gangsters.

The Teamsters head feels that armed robbery conviction is not in itself sufficient cause for removing an official.

It is difficult to understand why men appointed by a court should be named as a group appointed by the man appointed by the McClellan committee has pointed the finger of accusation.

Is it possible that Mr. Hoffa is looking for a whitewash group?

There is nothing wrong with the rank and file of Teamsters members. They are a hard working segment of society. But the leadership which has assumed control! There is no place for goons in labor relations today.



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#### Mr. Bender and Teamsters

THE MONITORS appointed by a Federal Court to keep an eye on the Teamsters Union affairs are not the only ones who would like to know what Jimmy Hoffa is up to in creating his own commission to track down racketeers.

In Ohio, particularly, a great many people would like to know why Mr. Hoffa chose as head of his commission former Senator George H. Bender, whose past relations with the Teamsters have been extremely puzzling.

Back in 1904, when Mr. Bender was a member of the House of Representatives, he headed a subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee whose investigation into labor racketeering was concentrated

pretty largely on the Teamsters Union. At that time Mr. Bender, running for a Senate seat, had some harsh things to say about the Teamsters. Subsequently, his committee reported that William Presser of Cleveland was the "undisputed boss" of the Teamsters Union in Ohio and that the "existence of rackets, corruption, and violence" in Teamster operations in Ohio "must of necessity be the responsibility of Presser."

Two years later, however, when Mr. Bender was running for the Senate again, he did so with the support of the Ohio Teamsters Council. And the man whom his committee had criticized so strongly, the same William Presser, was throwing his own not inconsiderable weight around in behalf of Mr. Bender's candidacy.

In his new capacity as head of Mr. Hoffa's commission to investigate racketeering in the Teamsters Union, it cannot be said that Mr. Bender is unfamiliar with practices which he once assailed as "vicious and illegal." But getting \$250 a day and expenses from the union, will he be the tough prosecutor who started out to expose corruption or the conciliatory politician who later found it expedient to accept the political support of the very man he had been so roundly denouncing?

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## Senators Eye Link to Hoffa

George H. Bender is being "thoroughly investigated" by the Senate Rackets Committee. The Press learned today.

The committee plans to call him as a witness to explain his acceptance of the \$250-a-day chairmanship of a purity commission established by James Hoffa, controversial Teamsters Union president.

Sen. John McClellan (D., Ark.), committee chairman, considers the Bender commission a "whitewash outfit."

Bender, former Ohio senator and sometime Republican chairman for Cuyahoga County, has denied this.

But the Senate committee, refusing to accept Bender's interpretation, has assigned investigators to attempt to prove that Bender is a former political ally of Hoffa's friends.

### Kennedy on Fence

Robert Kennedy, committee counsel, told a Press Washington reporter he couldn't confirm or deny that Bender was being placed under the committee spotlight. "I may have something to say in a few days," he added.

Bender's "cleanup committee" has also been challenged by the monitors appointed by a Washington Federal Court to keep an eye on the Teamsters Union under Hoffa's presidency.

"I have an idea about it and care less," Bender said today in Washington when informed that he was under investigation.

### Linked to Hoffa

Other members of the purity commission are Ira W. Jayne, retired Detroit judge, who had business relations with Hoffa-controlled organizations, and F. Joseph Donohue, Washington attorney.

Bender said their job is to recommend how to eliminate racketeer elements from the Teamsters Union.

The Senate committee it is known, is curious to learn the details of an investigation Bender conducted in 1954 in which one of Hoffa's top lieutenants was linked with the pinball racket in Ohio.

Bender then was a congressman and the Hoffa lieutenant on the griddle was William Presser, Ohio Conference of Teamsters president. Bender was chairman of a three-member investigating subcommittee.

Shortly after Presser was forced to take the Fifth Amendment more than 30 times to avoid answering probing questions about his handling of funds and his connection with acts of violence, Presser and the Teamsters endorsed Bender for election to the U. S. Senate.

At a news conference last week, Bender denied receiving campaign contributions from the Teamsters Union. He ducked a question about contributions from individual Teamsters officials.

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Hoffa's Probe  
New York Herald Tribune

So now Jimmy Hoffa has appointed a three-man commission to examine the familiar charge that his Teamsters Union is racket-dominated and advise on ways of cleaning up. . .

Hoffa's syndicate group, of course, has no ~~chance~~ standing whatever. It deserves to be stricken out by the court as an evasive attempt to confuse the situation.

Furthermore, if Hoffa is so self-righteously eager to reform the Teamsters, why doesn't he get moving right now? Hoffa doesn't need his own commission to advise him a couple of years hence. The ~~three~~ committee has postponed the facts at length; the court's members are on the job; the public is fed up with Hoffa's stalling. And nobody is fooled by this latest craven attempt at taking the heat off.



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## The New Hoffa Commission

An editorial from the New York Times:

Could anything be more brazen than the appointment by Provisional President James R. Hoffa of a three man commission to investigate charges of corruption in his Brotherhood of Teamsters — appointments by the very men against whom the most serious charges have been made?

The nonpartisan McClellan committee, armed with subpoena power and an able staff, has already turned up enough sworn evidence of Teamster wrongdoing to give Mr. Hoffa plenty to do in cleaning up his union without any further probe. And the board of monitors appointed by Federal Judge Letts to run reform it — agreed to by Mr. Hoffa — is busy making recommendations as to how Teamster abuses should be curbed. What is there for the new Hoffa commission to do other than what is being done, for better,

already — except to serve the interests of its creator?

Senator McClellan raised the leading question about the commission the other day when he said: "Can and will it move against Mr. Hoffa himself?" Commission Chairman Bender was asked that question at a news conference on Monday. "It surely can" would, of course, have been the only answer to inspire confidence. But Mr. Bender's reply was merely that the commission "was under no restrictions."

Maybe so. But it would take rare and disinterested courage indeed for its members—who, incidentally, are reported to get \$200 a day for their services on a job that may last for several years — to recommend dismissal from the union of the very men who gave them their jobs. We hope they have such courage, for that is obviously just what Hoffa should do.

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## Will Hoffa Balk His Own Quizzers?

### NOTION ON A SHADY CUS:

It is fair to ask if Jimmy Hoffa will invoke the Fifth Amendment, if quizzed by the committee he hired to investigate Teamster Union racketeering? If the committee is on the level, I must ask Mr. Hoffa embarrassing questions.

Cassie Stinnett, of Holiday magazine, spending the summer in Paris, reports that strange counterfeit United States currency has turned up there. One tourist found himself with a \$15 bill. Wanting to rid himself of it, he purchased an item for a small sum, to his consternation, received two \$7 bills in return!

There are loud hurrahs in some quarters because the out-of-the-way, remote, and blood Florida East Coast Railroad station is to be replaced by a modern one.

Don't hold your breath waiting. When I moved here six years ago, we were rousted by the census agent or expectation but the rattlesnake is still with us.

Today Henry J. Stupell not only celebrates his birthday, but his 22nd anniversary as manager of the Shoreham-Norham Hotel, in a business where the executive turnover is terrific, this must be a record.

BOSTON'S MAYN' animated this country for segregation. Because of war riots in the United Kingdom, law makers now plot a "color bar" on unlimited immigration of Negro and Asian workers. They're calling the bottle bush?

The red cape in the window of Avianca Airlines office in the McAllister Arcade was worn by that blond beauty of a stewardess, Eyde Brockdorff, for a "glamor girls of the air" article in Life.

Wonder if Sam Starling, of the Embers, missed Eli Lloyd Hoffman, one of the country's smartest gamblers, who is now living in New York. Eli slipped up more laughs for Sam than Joe E. Low's does for Helen Katsel-man.

One of the warmest, most delightful characters in show business: Little Jackie Miller. This is the second successive year Mike Gordon, the 79th St. causeway lobster-and-

clams man, hasn't taken a vacation. Fishing friends in Maine and Oregon are asking questions.

I'm hoping Mr. Hammamagid!

Will someone keep the grid war cold,

But if it happens he can sail,

Will people say Dag's not so hot,

Or rightly blame his non-success

On rulers constant capriciousness?

CHARLES S. ADELMAN

With the Cleveland Lanes opening, there seems to be almost as many boating alleys in Our Town as hotels. . . . George Gallego's latest poem, "Boons to Happiness" brought an appreciative letter from Pat Boone, to whom the verse was dedicated. . . . Second Fort Lauderdale gal to make good in "Havana Mardi Gras" at the Lurline Hotel, is dancer Carlene Geisler. The first was Alma Jenkins.

Sam Kamens is trying to lure B. S. Pully and Lili St. Cyr into teaming up at the Havana Desauville.

Angelo sawyer, who swears Victor Blidner's, defines infidelity this way: "A period in which you never had it so good, or parted with it so fast."

The New Cadillac and Sherry Frontenac hotels are the latest to get membership in the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce. . . . Frank Carroll and Johnny Carman set long engagement records when they came with Mother Kelly, Ben Tracey and Johnny Galbert have forged ahead of them with four years at the Harbor Lounge.

There should be a hurricane of high brow talk at LaSalle Studio apartments. Robert Dwyer, science editor of the New York Daily News reserved two duplexes for the month of October for conferences with top American scientists.

Orange Bowl Regatta boss, Alex Balfo baddling with aides over a brochure to yacht clubs and owners throughout the nation.

El Patio host, Sparky, who has owned wild roared horses on and off for 20 years attended the Havana yearling sales, but didn't see anything he wanted to buy.



U.S. Sen. John W. Bricker Gov. C. William O'Neill  
"Stop, think and vote Republican" is the message the senator and governor were trying to convey. They posed for this picture at the Republican county picnic in Euclid Beach Park.

## Booting of Thug Union Chiefs Urged

By RAY DORSEY  
Plain Dealer Political Writer

The challenge to the laboring man this Labor Day is to rid unions of "thugs and hoodlums" such as have been exposed by the McClellan Committee," Gov. C. William O'Neill said yesterday afternoon.

He spoke at the Cuyahoga County Republican picnic in Euclid Beach Park.

The picture of hoodlums and racketeers making as labor leaders, O'Neill asserted, is one that "must be embarrassing to the millions of honest laboring men."

If given the opportunity, these workers would speak out against the corrupt leaders and would express their disgust, O'Neill said.

"The challenge to the laboring man is to have the courage and conviction to rise up and throw off this yoke," he added.

O'Neill and U.S. Sen. John W. Bricker were the featured speakers at the annual ending of the county Republican organization.

Despite heavy rain in the early afternoon, a large crowd showed up. There was no actual count of the attendance.

**Bricker Predicts Victory**

County GOP Chairman A. L. DeMaio estimated the turnout "between 25,000 and 40,000." He based his estimate on the number of cars in the Euclid Beach parking lots.

Impartial observers thought his figure somewhat high and believed attendance might have

been closer to 20,000.

Sen. Bricker predicted victory for Republican candidates in November and said "the Democrats have seen one campaign issue after another blow out the window." He asserted:

"First they counted on low income among farmers to create smoldering and unextinguishable resentment against the Republicans. Today gross farm income is the highest on record and net farm income is up 22% from a year ago."

The Democrats, he continued, had counted on the recession to help them, but "reliable indicators make plain that the trough of the recession was reached last April." He added, however, that he would "not be satisfied until complete recovery is accomplished in all areas."

Gov. O'Neill devoted most of his speech to a discussion of labor, but he started by thanking DeMaio and the members of the county GOP organization for the help they gave him in his various statewide campaigns.

"We believe," he added, "that with your help we can once again carry Cuyahoga County for the Republican party."

**Lauds Labor Movement**

Turning to the subject of Labor Day, O'Neill said this day afforded an excellent opportunity to pay tribute to the laboring man and to "the great union movement."

He spoke of great progress having been made by labor in

the last half century—more leisure time, higher pay, greater pension and welfare funds and other advantages which have helped to give the American laboring man "the highest standard of living in the world."

Two shadows—one unemployment and the other the McClellan committee exposures—have been cast on this happy picture in the last year, O'Neill said.

He said Ohio saw the unemployment problem coming and acted swiftly to meet it by extending unemployment compensation, providing additional funds for poor relief and inaugurating the largest public works program in the state's history.

"We have \$800,000,000 of public improvements under construction in Ohio this summer," he added.

Former U. S. Sen. George H. Bender, who has accepted the chairmanship of committee appointed by Teamster President James Hoffa to investigate corruption in that union, followed O'Neill on the speaker's platform.

Bender said he was "very proud" of the governor's "fine statement regarding labor." He continued:

"I'm proud, too, to say that organized labor itself is recognizing the need of some of these reforms. It must come from within."

Bender asserted that in his work on the teamster committee he expected "to do the kind of a job labor needs."

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## Sure, Let George Do It—If He Can

UNDER investigation by the Senate and surveillance by court-appointed monitors, the Teamsters Union has now appointed a three-man citizens group as an "anti-racketeering" commission.

The general reaction, mildly speaking, has been skeptical, one reason is the feeling that a third investigating group is needed about as much as a centipede needs another leg; another reason is that the committee was appointed by Jimmy Hoffa, and it is rather unusual for accused persons to appoint their own judges.

Granting that the commission will address itself seriously to the racketeering problem—and you figure at \$250 each daily they'll have to occupy themselves somehow — the real need is to clean up the racketeering already exposed. If the committee runs help to do this, more power to it.

The proof of the pudding will be in the eating, said genial George Bender, former Ohio senator who heads the commission and has made quite a record previously for uttering such penetrating statements as this:

Reporters who questioned Mr. Bender about the prospect of assuring "a strong, honest leadership" for the Teamsters, the goal outlined by Hoffa, really weren't very polite. One of them kept calling

Mr. Bender "George," and his mainline was shoving. He kept wanting to know if "George" would feel free to recommend the dismissal of Hoffa if he found sufficient evidence, and if indeed he would look for evidence on Hoffa.

And when a reporter asked Bender how long the commission's job would take, he was denied the opportunity of reply by another reporter who shouted: "At \$250 a day, five years!"

Mr. Bender grinned.

What else could he do?

What else can anyone do?

When you can find cause for a grin in the behavior of Hoffa & Co., even a very weak and tired grin, you might as well enjoy it.



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## It Happened all over...

By PAUL SANN, Executive Editor

**DELIVERED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE**—The President signed a bill divorcing the award of a \$2,500 gold medal to woman admiral named Eisenhower.

**ANYONE FUN WATER SPORTS?** This fellow down in Minnesota tried some fancy turns with his water boat, no worry, slipping along behind him on water skis, got tangled into the lake. Just for treat, the woman sued for divorce.

**LABOR NOTE**—Jimmy Hoffa appointed a three-man commission to look into the nasty allegations that racketeers dominate Jimmy Hoffa's Teamsters Union.

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### Hoffa Investigates Crime

Not in outdone by the AFL-CIO, the Federal District Court or the U. S. Senate, Jimmy Hoffa of the Teamsters has organized his own anti-racketeering commission.

"Doubts," he says, "have been raised in some minds about this question of alleged racketeers and gangsters." Obviously this must be considered on the basis of understatement for 1950. Up to now it is well in the lead.

THE THREE MEMBERS of the commission will get \$200 a day each for their labors, plus, presumably, staff hire and expenses, a new top — Teamster style.

If Mr. Hoffa is interested in these "alleged" gangsters, he ought consult, now, with the members appointed by Federal Judge Dickinson Latta. The members just have summoned the barons from some office of syndicate consisted of bribery, embezzlement, robbery, extortion, larceny and arson. Ready evidence a court records would furnish names for this list.

OR HE MIGHT CONSULT, also for free, the records of the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Committee which found last year that Mr. Hoffa, then vice president, "associated with, sponsored and promoted the interests of notorious labor racketeers."

Or, better still, he could refer to the record of the McClellan Commission which reported to the Senate last March that "Hoffa runs a slumland empire, the members of which are steeped in inequity and dedicated to the proposition that no thing need serve if there is a Teamster payroll handy."

MR. HOFFA HAS BEEN a "reluctant listener" to much of the McClellan Committee testimony while Teamster officials and associates have used the Fifth Amendment to dodge incriminating questions. If his memory has faded has again, the commission could furnish him with a list of names. Or he could buy the 11 printed volumes of Teamster testimony for \$14.25.

The impudence of Mr. Hoffa had been demonstrated amply, even before this latest evidence. The question remains, how long is the country going to put up with it?

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**Hoffa's Investigators**

If there can be no faith at all in an investigation in which the investigators are investigating themselves, there can be hardly any in an investigation where the investigators are hired by the investigated.

Yet Jimmy Hoffa, boss of the Teamsters, has ordered just such an investigation. He has appointed a so-called "independent anti-racketeering commission." Mr. Hoffa, it seems, has finally heard that some people think there is a certain amount of hoodlum element in the Teamsters International. He's now for investigation. His own investigation.

So Mr. Hoffa has appointed three investigators of his own, one of them a former United States Senator.

Pre-judgment is always dangerous business, of course. Were Mr. Hoffa's record different, had he shown in the past even a vestige of sincerity about wanting to clean up the Teamsters, it might be possible to applaud his new effort. But his own record of failure to cooperate and his past indifference to hoodlums and racketeering offers no encouragement at all. When Hoffa hires, Hoffa controls. Experience shows that. What reason is there to believe that Mr. Hoffa thinks of his "anti-racketeering commission" as being responsible to anyone or anything other than him and his own interests?

When James Hoffa himself must be out of the subject of this investigation, what hope is there?

It is no wonder the court-appointed monitors of the Teamsters International have criticized Mr. Hoffa's newest gambit and have asked a New York judge to determine its legality.

## 'We'll Clean Up,' Bender's Promise

By HENRIETTA MEANS, Dispatch Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, AUG. 30.—"We're going to clean up the union."

That, in the words of Chairman George Bender, is what the three-man anti-racketeering commission newly created by the House Judiciary Committee expects to do.

And the former Ohio senator and congressman doesn't underestimate the importance of the task of cleaning up a union which the Senate Labor Rackets Investigating Committee says is riddled with gangsters, racketeers and hoodlums.

"THIS IS THE MOST important job of the moment, domestically, that needs to be done," declares the pasty Cleveland Republican. "I have no hesitation in saying it, because if we can clean up the most powerful union in the country, we will be doing a service not only to the one-half million members but to the transportation industry and the country as a whole."

He thinks the task can be accomplished in two years or less.

THE THREE commissioners, at their organizational meeting here Friday, got immediately about the job of assembling a staff, which Bender says must consist of "people who are capable and honorable and will command the respect of the entire country."

Bender, who is headed by a House subcommittee to probe far its investigation of labor racketeering, said the burden of the work of the new commission will fall on the staff, rather than on the members themselves.

Chairman Bender foresees a "rather limited number" of meetings of the commission, with the most day-to-day investigative job done by the staff, which will operate from

offices in the palatial, marble Teamsters Union Building just off Capitol Hill.

THE "LABOR PALACE," incidentally, is just a couple of blocks from the Constitution Ave. office from which Bender conducts the Washington end of his insurance business and other enterprises. He has been president since 1926 of a Cleveland insurance firm—and he expects to continue devoting a major part of his time to his private business.

The commission staff won't look far for operating money, Bender reports. It will have at its disposal a revolving fund provided by the union, which will be "replenished" as necessary.

THE OHIOAN and his fellow commissioners—Washington lawyer P. Joseph (Jesse) Donohue, former District of Columbia commissioner, and Wayne University law professor Ira W. Jayne, a retired Michigan county circuit judge—will receive \$250 a day for their labors. A figure that has raised the eyebrows of quite a few critics.

But Bender, pooh-poohing at the criticism, says, in the first place, that the \$250 is strictly per diem compensation, and that each commissioner will work only one or two days a week. Anyway, he adds, "I've turned down jobs worth twice as much as that. I don't need the money."

CRITICISM ALSO has come from the chairman John L. McClelland (D., Arkansas) of the Senate Investigating Committee and others who have joined at the idea of a group "cleaning up" the organization by which it was appointed.

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insists he is not concerned that the Teamster Union assignment might harm his political future.

Declaring that he has "never hesitated" to take on a job just because it was "unpopular," the 61-year-old Bender adds, on the other hand, that he "wouldn't throw the hard work of a lifetime down the drain" by accepting an assignment that would ruin him.

THE VETERAN BUCKEYE politician thinks "no harm will be done" to his career even if the commission should fail to accomplish a complete cleanup job. But, "much good" will accrue to all if the union housecleaning is a notable success.

Bender insists that he wouldn't have taken the job if Hoffa and the Teamster board hadn't promised him a free hand in investigating allegations of rackets and gangster infiltration of the union. Union leaders also have promised to "respect and carry out" the commission's recommendations.

The extent of their sincerity and disposition to clean out undesirable elements will be obvious when we make our findings," Bender says. "If our findings are not followed up, there is no point in the whole thing."

But Bender has an answer to that, too, along with an unflattering comment about congressional committee probes.

The Senate Rackets Committee, he says, has been asking Teamster Union President James R. Hoffa what he's going to do to clean up the union, and "now he's doing something about it."

"Committees," declares the former senator, "make a lot of sound and fury, and get a lot of headlines, but they actually accomplish very little."

"But we can do the job realistically and forthrightly, with the cooperation of the people on the inside . . . if they mean what they say."

THE CLEVELAND Republican, who had behind him 26 years in the State Senate and United States Senate and House before losing out in the 1956 Senate election to Democrat Frank J. Lausche,



# OHIOANS in WASHINGTON

## Bender May Help Hoffa Gain Some Respectability

By LOWELL K. BRIDWELL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30—Amazing as it may seem, Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa may be trying to buy "respectability" through former Sen. George H. Bender and his "House cleaning committee."

Bender and two other congressmen selected by Hoffa at \$250 a day each presumably to clean up his racketeer-ridden union. The union leaders who laughed sarcastically at what they termed a "fix" could be in for a surprise. There is at least reason to speculate that Hoffa's "anti-racketeer commission" may really lose out some of the Teamsters' boudiers.

JIMMY HOFFA IS A TOUGH, able to get any man pushed and drives himself in a way which even a psychiatrist might find hard to understand. He has been every knock and creek at his command to reach the penitentiary.

Many persons have been amazed at the way Hoffa has flaunted his power and shows his arrogance before the Senate Racketeer Committee.

There has been nothing new to Hoffa. The Teamster boss has been telling off high Government officials, including governors, long before Sen. McClellan's committee turned the spotlight on him.

BUT HOFFA NOW HAS MOST of things he wants. He has fought and batted his way to a tremendous amount of personal power. He has plenty of money, both personal and through his control of the vast Teamster resources.

The one thing which Hoffa wants now which he certainly doesn't have is "respectability."

A Teamster insider says Hoffa reportedly has been told by his lawyers-advisers that he has to gain respectability to keep his power and money intact.

THAT'S WHERE CLEVELANDER George Bender and his colleagues come in. The others are F. Joseph (Gus) Donohue, Washington, and Iro W. Jayne, Detroit, named Wayne County judges.

The insider believes Hoffa will use the commission to do a job he can't do himself. The Teamster boss is too wedged to too many holdiums to personally bounce them out of cushy Teamster jobs, according to this person's claim.

The insider says the commission will have the job of recommending the number of tainted Teamster executives—except, of course, Hoffa himself.

THE THEORY IS HOFFA THEN, can give his old buddies the go and say there's nothing he can do about it because the Teamsters own commission recommended it.

Bender and Donohue have built reputations of sorts in the anti-racketeer field. Jayne reportedly is friendly to labor and well liked by labor leaders in Detroit.

Bender got a lot of publicity and some favorable comments when he headed a House subcommittee investigating labor racketeering in 1954. Donohue, a Washington lawyer and former campaign chairman for Sen. Estes Kefauver, is remembered as the prosecutor of West Coast Longshoremen boss Harry Bridges.

THESE REPUTATIONS ARE stacked against the claims of skeptics that Bender and Donohue have the ability to head with the racket. Although Bender loves the splash of publicity, he wouldn't like the kind he'd get if he tried to "whitewash" Hoffa and his Teamster pals.

Donohue reportedly is ambitious and would like to someday be national chairman of the Democratic Party. For this reason, close friends say, he can't afford to let off Hoffa and the Teamsters with a gentle rap on the knuckles.

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**Bender's Group  
Will Begin  
Thursday**

Washington, Aug. 29.—A Transportation Commission will begin Thursday its investigation of racketeering in the big transportation union.

After the first meeting Friday, the three-man commission said it will eliminate "corrupting influences" in the union wherever they may find them.

George H. Bender, former Republican senator from Ohio, heads the commission, named last Saturday by Transportation President James R. Hoffa. Himself a target of charges by the Senate Rackets Committee, other members are: P. Joseph Donohue, Washington attorney, and retired Judge Roy W. Davis of Detroit.

**Criticism Noted**  
Commission members said they will investigate and advise on (1) the question of infiltration of racketeers and gangsters into local and international union of Teamsters and (2) on any alliances with racketeers or gangsters.

Noting criticism by court-appointed monitors named last January to oversee a clean-up in the union, the commission said:

"We expect that the court will welcome the establishment of this commission and agree that it is a forward step in the union's interest and the public good."

# TEAMSTERS PANEL PLEDGES CLEAN-UP

Hoffa's Anti-Rackets Unit  
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Duties Outlined

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (AP)—A Teamster Union clean-up commission said today that it would eliminate "corrupting influences in the union wherever we may find it."

The commission, headed by former Senator George H. Bender, Republican of Ohio, announced its goal in a statement after its first meeting, held in the conference room adjoining the offices of James R. Hoffa, teamster president.

The teamster commissioners set next Thursday as the starting time for their investigation. They discussed their responsibilities today with Mr. Hoffa and other teamster officers.

Besides Senator Bender, members of the commission are F. Joseph Donohue, Washington lawyer, and Ira W. Jayne of Detroit, a retired judge. All were appointed by Mr. Hoffa.

The commission members said after their conference and a talk with Mr. Hoffa that they believed their specific duties in the investigation would be:

"To investigate and advise on the question of infiltration of racketeers and gangsters into local and international union offices."

"To investigate and advise on the question of any alliance with racketeers or gangsters at any level of the international union or its subordinate bodies."

The commission noted previous criticism by a court-appointed board of monitors named to watch for wrongdoing in the Teamsters Union.

"We expect that the court will welcome the establishment of this commission and agree that it is a forward step in the union's interest and the public good," the statement said.

"With that expectation, we accept the responsibility of serving."

Meanwhile Mr. Hoffa sent a reply to the court-named monitors who had requested a full report on the purposes and formation of the union anti-racketeering group.

Mr. Hoffa merely enclosed a copy of the letter he sent Senator John L. McClellan, Democrat of Arkansas, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Labor or Management Field. Mr. Hoffa told the monitors that all he could say about the commission was until after it met, was contained in the original letter to Senator McClellan.

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## Hoffa's Rackets Unit Begins Cleanup Job

By ROBERT E. HALL  
Of Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—

The anti-racketeering commission named by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters will settle down to business next Thursday, the union's officials said.

The three-man group met yesterday for the first time and issued a statement as to their responsibilities.

Former Wayne County Circuit Judge J. J. Joyce, one of the members, told The Detroit News that he would let his "actions speak for themselves."

ANSWERING A QUERY

The former Detroit jurist made his statement in response to a question as to whether he thought he and his two colleagues would be able to do a job on cleaning up the racket-infested 1,000,000-member union.

The commission acknowledged that the Federal Court has delegated certain duties to the appointed board of monitors in relation to the union under a consent order which permitted the meeting of James R. Hoffa as president.

"We expect that the court will welcome the establishment of this commission and agree that it is a forward step in the union's interest and the public good," the commission stated after its first meeting.

"With that expectation," it said hopefully, "we accept the responsibility of serving."

DUTIES STATED

Former Senator George H. Bender, Ohio Republican, chairman of the commission, together with James and P. Joseph J. Joyce, members, issued the following statement after their first meeting in the plush offices of the Teamsters Union.

"We have been specifically charged with the following duties:

"To investigate and advise on

the question of infiltration of racketeers and gangsters into local and international union offices.

"To investigate and advise on the question of any collusion with racketeers or gangsters at any level of the international union or its subordinate bodies."

The three commissioners disclosed that they had discussed these duties with the resident international officer and had concluded that the purpose of the commission is to "expedite the process of eliminating corrupting influences in the union wherever we may find them."

TO AVOID CONFLICT

Hoffa earlier told the board of monitors that there would be no conflict between the two agencies.

His opinion was included in a letter to Martin F. O'Donoghue, monitors' chairman, who had protested that the naming of the new commission contained "dangerous implications."

O'Donoghue demanded to know whether the commission would be limited to investigating alleged gangster domination of the union and whether the commission's recommendations would be made public.

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#### The New Hoffa Commission

Could anything be more brazen than the appointment by Provisional President James R. Hoffa of a three-man commission to investigate charges of corruption in his Brotherhood of Teamsters—appointments by the very man against whom the most serious charges have been made?

The nonpartisan McClellan committee, armed with subpoena power and an able staff, has already turned up enough sworn evidence of Teamster wrongdoing to give Mr. Hoffa plenty to do in cleaning up his union without any further probe. And the board of monitors appointed by Federal Judge Latta to help reform it—agreed to by Mr. Hoffa—is busy making recommendations as to how Teamster abuses should be curbed. What is there for the new Hoffa commission to do other than what is being done, far better, already—except to serve the interests of its creator?

Senator McClellan raised the leading question about the commission the other day when he said: "Can and will it move against Mr. Hoffa himself?" Commission Chairman Bender was asked that question at a news conference on Monday. "It surely can" would, of course, have been the only answer to inspire confidence. But Mr. Bender's reply was merely that the commission "was under no restrictions."

Maybe so. But it would take rare and disinterested courage indeed for its members—who, incidentally, are reported to get \$250 a day for their services on a job that may last for several years—to recommend dismissal from the union of the very man who gave them their jobs. We hope they have such courage, for that is obviously just what they should do.

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**Bentler Group  
Pledges Early  
Cleanup Move**

Plain Dealer Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 —  
International Teamster Boss  
James R. Hoffa's new Anti-  
Racketeering commission  
headed by former U. S. Sen.  
George M. Bentler of Cleveland  
today pledged an early move  
"to eliminate corrupting influ-  
ences" from the nation's biggest  
union.

The commission, which has  
come under heavy fire since  
being paid \$250 a day by the  
union itself, held its initial ses-  
sion this afternoon and decided  
to begin our work next Thurs-  
day.

In addition to Bentler, other  
members on the commission  
are F. Joseph Donohue of  
Washington, former president  
of the board of commissioners  
of the District of Columbia, and  
Ira W. Jayne of Detroit, former  
chief judge of the Michigan  
circuit court and law professor  
at Wayne University.

They met in the ornate con-  
ference room of the ne-  
on-dollar international Team-  
sters headquarters at the foot  
of Capitol Hill. Hoffa sat with  
them.

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## Will Hoffa's Cleanup Panel Clean Up?

All right-thinking Americans ardently hope that James R. Hoffa's new "anti-racketeering commission" will keep the promise of its chairman, former Sen. George Bender of Ohio, that the cleanup group will pull no punches but will bring custer proceedings against any member of the Teamsters union, Team president or down, who may be found to deserve it.

Hoffa, whose specialty is familiar with Hoffa's Hoffman activities, and his tough character must have been that he would not pick on such a commission members who he thought might turn on him.

The surprise appointment of the panel had a twist: some members of it was given the board of monitors appointed by a district court as a watch-dog unit over the Teamsters as a condition of Hoffa's continuing as president. The chairman of the monitors demanded an explanation, saying Hoffa's failure to notify the board had "serious implications." And who

would wonder? If the move was set this up and up, why should he hide it from the court-appointed agency whose official business is to keep tabs on Teamsters' behavior and see whether they do what Hoffa's commission is supposed to do?

One of the men named to the cleanup group has been revealed to be the head of an insurance company owned by Hoffa's attorney and his accountant. Could he be expected to support any move adverse to Hoffa's interests? If the Teamsters president has any things with either of his other two commissioners, they have not yet been revealed.

As Chairman McClellan of the Senate Rackets Investigating committee has said, the test of the cleanup commission's sincerity of purpose will be whether it moves to end Hoffa as the union's president. That seems a fair criterion, with which the leadership of the AFL-CIO undoubtedly agrees. Well and see what happens.



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### Hoffa To Probe Hoffa

Brazen appointment by James Hoffa, Teamster president, of a commission of his own to probe his organization is one of the most ridiculous things to come down the pike in a long time.

Mr. Hoffa has heard a great deal of the testimony presented before the McClellan racket committee. In fact, he has heard the Teamsters referred to as a "hoodlum empire" run by racketeers, criminals and crooks.

Gentleman Jim doesn't need any further probing to know what to do. He has ample power to oust the gangster element. And the Federal courts already have charged him with this very responsibility.

In these circumstances, further investigation is both superfluous and ludicrous, especially an investigation inspired by the very man who heads the notorious setup whose stench has been so evident throughout the nation for the past year or more.

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Other Newspapers Are Saying:

## James Hoffa's Tardy Interest in Cleanliness.

From the Detroit Free Press.

"The Devil is sick—the Devil a sinner would be," is an old saw that sounds like it could have been specially written for Teamster union president James R. Hoffa.

Things have become so tough for Hoffa and some of the leadership which the McClellan choice associates as a result of the Senate committee investigation, the public has shown for the Kierdorf incident, and a Barney Baker type of union few similar episodes, that official, has scared Hoffa.

Jimmy is getting worried. That is the only explanation we can see for his sudden determination to board of distinguished citizens to purge his union of hoodlums and racketeers.

The "anti-racketeering commission" which Hoffa named, if they accept, will consist of former Judge Ira W. Jayne, former Ohio Sen. George H. Bender, and F. Joseph Donohue, former District of Columbia commissioner and special prosecutor for the Justice department.

If these three men are given a free hand, there is no doubt they can be quite busy for a while issuing severance notices to major and minor bosses of the Teamsters all over the country.

But we can't help wonder why it took Hoffa so long to don the white robes of virtue.

He has known ever since he became president of the Teamsters, and for a long time before that, what kind of people were in key spots.

Hoffa's desire for union purity would have been a lot more impressive if he had gotten rid of the undesirable element that has given his union a bad name at the time he was elected to the highest post.

The only conclusion to be reasonably drawn is that the sordid story of Teamster

is no longer in a mood to sit by idly and watch thugs and extortionists, some of whom were freed from prison purposely, take over the Teamster's union. The public is waking up to the dangers from a union as powerful as the Teamsters when it is in the hands of men as corrupt as much of the leadership has been shown to be. It looks like Hoffa has realized that it's a case of get clean before it's too late. And because he is taking, under that kind of threat, measures he should have taken long ago, his reformation isn't a very convincing act. Then, too, it's like Senator McClellan said. The test of the 3-man anti-racketeering commission's good faith will be demonstrated by whether it moves against Hoffa himself.

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Phoney

President James R. Hoffa of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and would be czar of American transportation, has set up a three-man commission to investigate and advise him off racketeering and gangsters in his union. The move is a phoney. It is what is called a public relations move to cover up. And for the required purpose of this move Hoffa needs no commission of his own to inform him. He knows better than anyone the racketeering, gangsterism, gross abuse of power in relation both to union members and the public, that exists in his organization. He is an expert in such matters.

A Federal court has appointed a board to check on Hoffa and his union. They are the ones to investigate and report—to the Federal judge. Hoffa's pretense of self discipline is the usual front behind which he seeks to continue operations, and extend them, for his own power and attempted usurpation of special privilege.

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## Hoffa Assures Monitors Of No Conflict by Unit

President James R. Hoffa of the Teamsters Union assured court-appointed monitors today that there will be "no conflict" between them and an "anti-racketeering" commission.

Hoffa did not, however, answer specific questions about his new commission asked by Senator P. O'Donoghue, chairman of the monitors.

In a letter received by the monitors today, Hoffa merely enclosed a copy of last week's press release, which announced the appointment of the new commission headed by George H. Bender, former Republican Senator from Ohio.

Hoffa said this release in the form of a letter to Chairman McClellan of the Senate Rackets Committee—would answer some of Mr. O'Donoghue's questions.

More Details Later  
Additional details will be

concept error settling a suit afraid to kick hoodlums out of the Teamsters who... Hoffa said... Hoffa's reply is likely until Mr. O'Donoghue returns from vacation next week. Soon after Mr. O'Donoghue returns here, the monitors probably will meet with the Bender commission and Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts.

Acted Under Consent Order  
Judge Letts appointed the monitors last February to oversee Hoffa's operation of the Teamsters. He acted under a

At any rate, the commission chairman said, "we'll test Mr. Hoffa's sincerity when we have the recommendations" for the racketeers from union

office. He predicted... in and wholesome results... getting rid of a lot of unsavory sick conditions.

Cites "Sound and Fury"  
Maintaining the cleanup job can be done only within the union, Mr. Bender said the Senate Rackets Committee has produced mostly "a lot of headlines and a lot of sound and fury."

Asked if he believed Hoffa is

encouraged me."



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**Hoffa Investigates Himself**  
(Member Adopts) ✓

Pro. James Hoffa of the Teamsters has asked a three-man commission to investigate charges that his union is racket infiltrated, and to recommend ways to clean it up. This is an interesting situation. The Hoffa union, which once belonged to the Rocks, has been the subject of some investigation than the activities of many a movie star.

Congress, through the McClellan Committee, has been on the job for a year. Once Mr. Hoffa was even brought to court, but the friend of Joe Louis was found not guilty by a jury of his peers. The fact is that the McClellan Committee has been so taken with Mr. Hoffa that it only had a short time to investigate the other union barons Mr. Roether and DeLoach. It was beginning to appear that Mr. Hoffa was a sort of divorcee.

Then there is a watchdog committee of three court-appointed members watching Mr. Hoffa. The trouble is that they are unable to watch a good many things because Mr. Hoffa won't let them. The members are unhappy, but their honest efforts, or the honest efforts of two of them at least, are at an end.

Mr. Hoffa, who is extremely efficient, is annoyed at this most behavior. Since, despite the record established by the Senate committee, and the watchfulness of the watchdog committee, not only nothing happens to curtail his activities, but as laws are passed to curtail his power at all, he has reason to suspect something is wrong. He has now appointed his own committee to complete the circle. He is about to investigate himself.

There was a time when we thought that wiser or later such a display of arrogance would smother Congress into passing laws which would curtail the labor barons. Obviously, we were too wise. Congress was only narrowly prevented from passing the proposed labor control bill of Kennedy and Ryan. We are still optimistic. Maybe these men who are apparently beyond the law at present will go so far that the American people will rise in ire and demand that Congress pass laws to protect them from exploitation.

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HOFFA'S INVESTIGATION

Jimmy Hoffa's maneuver in setting his own "investigating committee" for the scandal-ridden Teamsters Union is just what Godfrey Schmidt, one of the federal court-appointed monitors of the union, called it: "an outrage... one thing? How much weight will be carried by any reports of a group paid \$250 a day by the Teamsters themselves? The gesture is nothing but an attempt to throw one more hurdle between himself and the forces trying to remove his loathsome presence from the American labor movement... and Hoffa, of course, knows it."

The monitors selected after Hoffa proclaimed his intentions of cleaning his own house have had from all appearance, done a conscientious job. They have begun by crying-diamond of such men as Glenn Smith and W. L. Hollings of Chattanooga. This Hoffa, who all but made perfectly clear, has no thought of doing. For the Smiths and the Hollings and the others who were used Hoffa's rigged election as Teamster president were removed, the elaborate Hoffa structure erected over the years would collapse like a house of cards.

Hoffa has led a charmed life. It seems, but he can't go on forever. The AFL-CIO has heated the day of justice by making such difficult of its specific wishes as that practiced by Joe Curran, the National Maritime Union president, who insists he has to deal with the ousted Teamsters.

For if Jimmy Hoffa pulls on his present, negative—a vast consideration of all transportation workers, then unionism, and the nation itself are in the deepest sort of trouble.

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### Is Jimmy Hoffa Serious?

James R. Hoffa, head of the Teamsters Union, largest in the nation, has a knack for doing the unusual and making headlines. Now he has done it again.

Hoffa's announcement of the formation of an "anti-racketeering commission" to investigate charges of gangster domination in his union came as a surprise to many.

Anyone reading or listening to the testimony during the weeks of hearings before the McClellan Committee on Improper Activities must have been amazed at the type of men who are in the higher echelon of the Teamsters Union. Lurid stories of beatings, burnings, money grabs, bribery and kidnappings were told to the Senate committee by a host of witnesses, a number of whom had been threatened with death if they testified.

Through most of this sat James R. Hoffa, listening to stories by obvious liars who are his aides, and to a variety of men and women who claimed they had suffered at the hands of the Teamsters. In all, it was a sordid story, as drawn out by Chief Counsel Robert Kennedy, brother of the Massachusetts senator who, incidentally, is a member of the McClellan Committee.

And now, obviously to take some of the heat off the Teamsters, Hoffa has sought out the services of former Sen. George Bender of Ohio, J.

Joseph Donohue, former head of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and Ira W. Jayne, retired chief judge of the Circuit Court of Michigan, and now a law professor. Bender has been named head of this unusual commission.

If Hoffa is serious in naming an inquiry board, then it doubtlessly is a solid step toward reform. But this is one case of seeing is believing.

The new commission will have plenty of material with which to start, for the racketeering committee has turned up extensive information about the criminal records of high Teamsters officials, most of whom have invoked the fifth amendment against self-incrimination when questioned by the group.

The Teamsters Union has been kicked out of the AFL-CIO on charges that it was run by gangsters. Hoffa was allowed to succeed Dave Beck as president only after he had agreed to accept a board of monitors appointed by a federal court to check on union activities and funds.

Now comes this latest Hoffa idea. It will be interesting to see how far he lets Bender & Co. go in its investigation.

And we can't help wondering what will happen if this so-called "anti-racketeering commission" recommends that Hoffa himself quit the Teamster throne for the good of the giant union.

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IS THIS A WHITEWASH JOB?

For months the Senate committee investigating racketeering in labor and management has been developing evidence that Jimmy Hoffa fought his way to the presidency of the Teamsters Union with the help of racketeers, racketeers and assorted thieves and ex-convicts and that he is still surrounded by them.

The committee is still investigating while a board of monitors appointed by a federal court is keeping an eye on union affairs. Now, in an apparent effort to take the heat off, Hoffa has appointed a three-man commission to investigate and advise the union on the question of "infiltration of racketeers or gangsters into local and international union or its subordinate bodies."

The commission is to be headed by our fellow townsman, former Sen. George H. Bender. Other members are E. Joseph Donohue, former president of the board of commissioners for the District of Columbia, and Ira W. Javne of Detroit, retired chief judge of the circuit court of Michigan and professor of law at Wayne University.

While the integrity of the commissioners is not questioned, this seems like a dubious way for the Teamsters Union to achieve responsibility. If Hoffa needs advice about the racketeers and gangsters with whom he is surrounded, all he needs to do is to consult the record of the Senate committee hearings in which they are named and described. Frank Kierdorf would probably still be one of his lieutenants if he had not made himself into a human torch while setting fire to a dry cleaning establishment whose proprietor had offended the union.

But Hoffa is allergic to setting rid of the racketeers and gangsters. Even in his letter to Senator McClellan announcing appointment of the commission he said he did not "consider the mere existence of a record of past convictions as automatic grounds for denouncing an individual." At least he is being frank about it. He hired Kierdorf when he got out of the penitentiary after serving a sentence for robbery because he was "a good organizer."

Now we are asked to believe that a commission appointed by Hoffa can help him. Hoffa will be able to overrule Hoffa in the matter of discipline on the union. The commission is to have a free hand, according to Bender. We wonder whether the members would feel free enough to recommend that Hoffa and his ex-convict friends get out of the union entirely and if they made such a recommendation, what Hoffa would do about it.

The commission members are to be well compensated, at the rate of \$200 a day for time devoted to union work. They would not be paid for anything else. Hoffa's fence whitewashed for nothing. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.



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He'll 'Do a Job' for J  
Hoffa, Bender Says  
PURE Dealer Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 --  
Former U.S. Sen. George H.  
Bender of Cleveland tonight  
reiterated statements that, as  
chairman of the new Teamsters  
anti-rackets commission, he will  
"do a job" in cleaning up the  
potent and racketeer-infested  
labor union.  
He promised to "get rid of a  
lot of unsavory sick conditions  
and a lot of characters" in the  
organization.  
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peared on a recorded radio in-  
terview (Mutual's Capital As-  
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## Hoffa's Own 'Cleanup' Squad

THE THING we find astonishing is that anybody who ever had the shrewdness to get himself elected to the United States Senate would accept the job of cleaning up the Teamsters Union with James R. Hoffa as his employer.

George Bender, former Republican senator from Ohio, has done it, though.

THE ONLY reasonable explanation we can think of for Bender's acceptance of the job is the \$250 a day. That's what Hoffa's saying much of the time members of his own personal "anti-racketeering commission." The other two members are F. Joseph Donahoe, former chairman of the District of Columbia Board of Commissioners, and Ira W. Jayne of Detroit, a retired Circuit Court judge who is also, he admits, chairman of an insurance company which is owned in part by Hoffa's accountant and one of Hoffa's attorneys.

Bender's little group of racket investigators was set up by Hoffa with

the idea, apparently, of embarrassing the monitoring commission appointed by Washington Judge F. Dickinson Letts to supervise Hoffa's administration of the union.

MARTIN F. O'DONOGHUE, chairman of the monitors, is looking for a way to keep Hoffa's personal investigating body from moving in, and we hope he finds it.

Bender, talking with a straight face, told reporters he wouldn't hesitate to fire Hoffa himself. That would clean up the Teamsters Union all right, because Hoffa is the union's trouble. But, of course, Bender was talking silly. With Hoffa paying his wages, Bender will fire nobody unless it is someone Hoffa doesn't want around.

Obviously what Hoffa wants is somebody to whitewash his practice of keeping convicted thieves, robbers, extortionists and sluggers in office as union bosses. It is not the kind of project with which former U. S. senators should be associated.

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**Effective Probe  
Seen by Bender**  
Binghamton Press Bureau  
Washington—Former Senator  
George Bender (Rep., Ohio),  
hired by Teamsters, President  
James R. Hoffa to investigate  
racketeering, said today his  
probe will rid the union of "a  
lot of masoverly sick conditions  
and a lot of characters."  
He indicated he might even  
recommend Hoffa's ouster if  
conditions warrant it.

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**Bender And The Teamsters**

For \$250 a week day George Bender, former Ohio Senator, is willing to head a three man committee personally appointed by James Hoffa to investigate allegations of corruption within the Teamsters Union hierarchy. As Hoffa explains, the Bender group "shall guide us and assure the membership of our union of a strong, honest leadership."

To many observers his charge to the committee may sound suspiciously like a direct order. Hoffa has demonstrated before the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee that, with the bare possibility of one or two delinquent bosses on the local level, the Teamster brass actually believe they're respectable. There are those, at any rate, who find it hard to believe that Eddie Jimmy would pay anyone to confirm stories of gangsterism within the Teamster empire.

Mr. Bender is aware of these doubts shaped in many quarters about his committee. However, he insists that he is going to make a thorough investigation of the Teamster organization. "Just wait and see," he tells newsmen.

We hope he is more careful in his examination of the Teamsters than he was in quoting District Judge Letts, who months ago created a public monitor board to keep tabs on Hoffa's activities. Mr. Bender says he took the job with Hoffa partly on the strong recommendation of Judge Letts, but the first now denies he ever encouraged the former Senator. Such contradictory testimony may serve Hoffa's purpose of distracting public attention from the issues involved. It doesn't contribute to public confidence in Mr. Bender.

All this comes as a sharp reminder of how poorly the 85th Congress served the Teamster membership, indeed the labor movement generally, by refusing to pass even the moderate Kennedy-Java labor reform bill. No court-appointed monitor board or Hoffa-paid "investigation" committee can be a substitute for the force of law in curbing racketeering within the Teamsters setup and other union combines still being uncovered in Washington.



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Hoffa Expected By  
His Own Statement

Aluminum: Hoffa has admitted that it may take two or three years for his special commission to close up his Teamsters union.

Could that possibly be considered anything other than an acknowledgment?

Letters submitted for publication in this column must bear the full name and address of the writer. All letters are subject to condensation.

must that Hoffa knows his organization is riddled with corruption and that he has a good, close knowledge of the treasury and extent of power of the crime and hoodlums in it.  
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## Whitewash Bender And The Painter

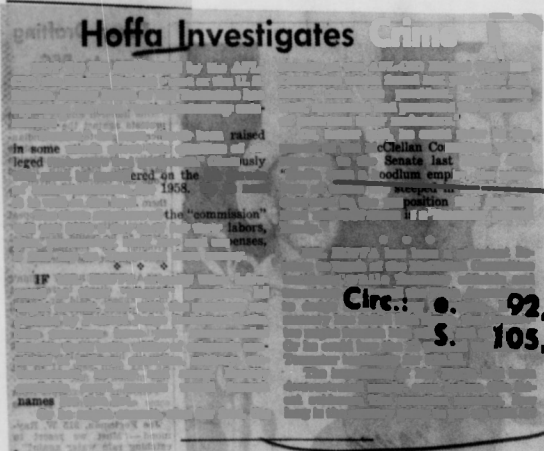
Ex-Sen. George Bender of Ohio, one of four men appointed by Jimmy Hoffa, head of the Teamsters Union, for the expressed purpose of helping to clean up that union, says he feels the committee has a right to fire Hoffa himself if that seems called for.

We do not expect such action to be taken by the Bender group.

We do not believe that is the reason why Bender and his associates were appointed.

One wit asked Bender, apropos of his remark: "Ever see a whitewash brush fire the painter?"

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NOT TO BE OUTDON  
CIO, the Federal District  
Senate, Jimmy Hoffa of the  
appointed his own "anti-

of understatement for Up to now  
it is well in the land  
The three members of  
will get \$250 a day each for their  
plus, presumably, staff hire and ex-  
a new tap on Teamster's funds money.

MR. HOFFA actually was inter-  
ested in these "alleged" gangsters, he  
might consult, free, with the monitors ap-  
pointed by Federal Judge Dickinson Latta.  
The monitors have just recommended  
barring from union office of criminals con-  
victed of bribery, extortion, robbery, em-  
bezzlement, larceny and arson. Readily  
available court records would furnish  
for this list.  
Or he might consult, also for free, the

## Crime

records of the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices  
Committee which found last year that Mr.  
Hoffa, then vice president, "associated  
with, sponsored and promoted the interests  
of notorious labor racketeers."

Or, better still, he could refer to the  
record of the M... committee which  
reported to the... March that  
Hoffa runs a h... re, the mem-  
bers of which are... iniquity and  
dedicated in the pro... that no thug  
need starve... a "Teamster payroll  
handy."

MR. HOFFA has been a reluctant lis-  
tener to much of the McClellan Committee  
testimony while Teamster officials and  
associates have used the Fifth Amendment  
to dodge incriminating questions. If his  
memory has failed him again, the Commit-  
tee might furnish him with a list of names.  
Or he could buy the 13 printed volumes of  
Teamster testimony for \$16.25.

The impudence of Mr. Hoffa had been  
demonstrated amply, even before this lat-  
est evidence. The question remains, how  
long is the country going to put up with it?

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### Mr. Bender And Teamsters

THE MONITORS appointed by a federal court to keep an eye on the Teamsters Union affairs are not the only ones who would like to know what Jimmy Hoffa is up to in creating his own commission to track down racketeers.

Here in Ohio, particularly, a great many people would like to know why Mr. Hoffa chose as head of his commission former Senator George H. Bender, whose past relations with the Teamsters have been extremely friendly.

Back in 1955, when Mr. Bender was a member of the House of Representatives, he headed a subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee whose investigation into labor racketeering was concentrated pretty largely on the Teamsters Union. At that time Mr. Bender, running for a Senate seat, had some harsh things to say about the Teamsters. Subsequently, his committee reported that William Frazier, of Cleveland was the "undisputed boss" of the Teamsters Union in Ohio and that the "existence of racketeering, corruption, and violence" in Teamster operations in Ohio "must of necessity be the responsibility of Frazier."

Two years later, however, when Mr. Bender was running for the Senate again, he did so with the support of the Ohio Teamsters Council. And the man whom his committee had criticized so strongly, the same William Frazier, was throwing his own not inconsiderable weight around in behalf of Mr. Bender's candidacy.

In his new capacity as head of Mr. Hoffa's commission to investigate racketeering in the Teamsters Union, it cannot be said that Mr. Bender is unfamiliar with practices which he once assailed as "vicious and illegal." But getting \$250 a day and expenses from the union, will he be the tough prosecutor who started out to expose corruption or the conciliatory politician who later found it expedient to accept the political support of the very man he had been so roundly denouncing?



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Red Herring

With the hot breath of the McClellan committee on his neck, President James P. Hoffa, of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, last week announced the formation of a three-man anti-racketeering commission to consult and advise with him on the infiltration of racketeers and gangsters into his union. The commission, according to Hoffa, would also look for alliances between union elements and racketeers and gamblers.

The announcement has been greeted with the skepticism it deserves. For months there has been in operation a board of monitors, appointed by a Federal court to do just the investigating the Hoffa commission is supposed to do. Federal Judge J. Dickinson Letts, who appointed the monitors, has been prompt to deny his approval of the Hoffa plan, commission and its professed help.

Former United States Senator George H. Bender, chairman of the Hoffa commission, has declared he has been given a free hand by Hoffa. But how free would the hands be of a commission that has been named by Hoffa himself? For that matter, Mr. Hoffa knows his union better than anybody else and needs no advisors to help him to rid it of the racketeers if he seriously purposes to do so.

This is just a red herring to confuse the issue and by so doing handicap the work of the board of monitors. Mr. Hoffa's anti-racketeering commission is anti-racketeering at this late hour fools nobody.

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\$10,000 For Presser

## Angry Dues Payers, If Any, Can Protest To Mr. Bender

Rumor has it that William Presser of Cleveland is one of the "undesirables" in the Teamsters Union who have been earmarked for exile by the three court-appointed monitors who are trying to keep Jimmy Hoffa honest.

The monitors, appointed by Federal Judge F. Delmonico Letts under terms of an agreement which allowed Hoffa to ascend to the union presidency, have considerable authority. If they say Presser has to go, he will go.

With Baba Truesdale, his bodyguard and right hand man, Presser shares the dubious distinction of being the most notorious union boss in Ohio. President of both the Cleveland Joint Teamsters Council and the Ohio Conference of Teamsters, Presser has been investigated by grand juries in Akron, Cleveland and New York, that we know of, and by anti-racketeering committees of the House and Senate.

Despite repeated charges that he has engaged in strongarm tactics and has run the union as if it were his personal property, Presser continues to be held in affectionate esteem by his colleagues. This was demonstrated last year when the joint council gave him a unanimous vote of confidence and rejected his attempt to resign—a grandstand move aimed at countering what he called "newspaper innuendo."

Another proof of Presser's hold on his minions is to be found in the report that they're planning a handsome going-away present for him if and when the monitors give him the heave.

"Severance pay" of \$40,000—half from the joint council and half from the state conference—will be waiting for Presser when the time comes for him to say goodbye.

For any honest truck driver who objects to having his hard-earned dues money lavished on the likes of Presser, we have a suggestion.

Write a letter to the man who headed the congressional committee which had this to say about the Teamsters in 1955:

"Under the operations and direction of William Presser there have been instances of intimidation, extortion, income tax violations, conspiracy to violate the law and other illegal practices that have continued for some years without corrective action having been instituted to bring the perpetrators to justice."

The man who was the authority for that appraisal of Presser is none other than George H. Bender, a member of the House when the investigation was made, later a Senator, and now chairman of a Hoffa-appointed panel of corruption investigators.

Bender swears that nothing will deter him from cleaning up the union. If he means that, he will take a dim view of a \$40,000 reward to Presser for getting kicked out of the organization.

So don't hesitate, you dues-paying truck drivers. Protest to Bender. It may be embarrassing to him, inasmuch as Presser is a Hoffa man, too, but don't let that bother you. At \$250 a day, the ex-Senator can afford to be embarrassed.

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Won't Sway From Cleanup

## Bender To Ignore Vote Support By Teamsters, He Says

By ROBERT E. HOYT

(By Our Washington Staff)

WASHINGTON — Ex-Sen. George Bender said Teamster support in his last election try won't affect his conduct as chairman of the so-called anti-racketeering commission set up by the Teamsters.

Bender says he was supported by Ohio AFL labor general body—not just by the Teamsters—when he ran successfully against Frank Lausche for the Senate in 1954.

"Before that," said Bender, "labor opposed me."

THE usually genial, unbothered George was in something of a frenzy. He had just come in from one meeting, was 15 minutes late for the next. Reporters kept the old five phones jangling.

It seemed almost that the old-time bell ringer for the late Sen. Taft had been infected by that mysterious disease which lately consumes Teamster abstainers.

George's attack was obviously in the early stages—he had acquired the same hostile attitude but he is still responsive to questions.

"I know how Jimmy Hoffa feels," George said. "When he says he took over the job as Teamster president, only a few months ago, and he's done nothing but answer questions since."

BENDER says he was not singled out for support by the Teamsters in 1954. "They endorsed Gay O'Neill and the whole lot," he said. "We were endorsed by the state AFL of which the Teamsters are a part."

Did individual Teamsters or locals of the Teamsters endorse Bender?

"Well, I hope so," said George. "They were supposed to—well, the member locals were supposed to. But I think some

over over his Teamster appointment. He was going to do a "clean up job," he said.

And for the questioning and the skeptics he had a course

just which, freely and un-imaginatively translated might read: "Don't expect results before the appropriate time."

### "Good Man"

REPRESENTATIVE Ayres of Akron sent this note of congratulations to George Bender, recently named chairman of the "anti-racketeering commission" of the Teamsters Union:

"If Jimmy Hoffa is sincere in wanting to rid the Teamsters of racketeers, he selected a good man to be chairman of the clean up committee. It will take guts—and that George Bender has."

of the endorsed me and voted for Lausche."

DID THE Teamsters make any special effort?

"Well, I hope so," said George. "I needed all the help I could get."

Did the Teamsters send out letters or campaign folders in Bender's behalf?

"Well, I hope so," said George. "Yes, I recall one folder. And there was one put out by the Machinists too. And another union."

Did any individual Teamster leaders contribute to the Bender campaign?

"If they did I don't know about it," George said. "But some of them might have."

BUT Bender indicated he was not one to be bought by a campaign contribution.

The president of Standard Oil and the president of the gas company contributed to my campaign," he said. "but I didn't vote for the man. I knew they wanted it, but I wouldn't vote for it."

We didn't mention names. Just job titles.

"If you looked at the list of contributors to my campaign from Akron," the ex-senator said, "why it'd look like an almanac book."

BENTLEY brought up his chairmanship of the congressional committee investigating the Teamsters in late 1954—shortly before he moved over to the Senate.

"We exposed all those things right in the city of Cleveland," he said, "and it's not my fault if the prosecuting attorney and the authorities didn't do anything with the things we brought out."

George, whose Falstaffian girth is sometimes matched by Falstaff humor, showed a bit of annoyance at all the questions he has had to an-

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### Bender Insists Letts Told Him to Take Union Job

George H. Bender insisted today that Federal District Judge Dickinson Letts encouraged him to take a job as chairman of a commission to "clean up" the Teamsters Union.

Judge Letts had denied offering any such encouragement to Mr. Bender, a former Republican Senator from Ohio.

"I know what Judge Letts said, and I still say he encouraged me," Mr. Bender maintained.

Judge Letts retains jurisdiction over the Teamsters Union under a consent order allowing James R. Hogg to take office as provisional president. The judge established a board of monitors to oversee the Teamsters.

At least one of the monitors, Geoffrey F. Schmidt of New York, has charged that Hogg set up the new commission only to evade the court-appointed board.

Mr. Bender said he hopes to hold an organizational meeting with the two other members of the "anti-racketeer commission" within the next day or two.



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## Hoffa's Probe Superfluous

Teamsters President James Hoffa's appointment of a commission to investigate his union appears to be just so much icing on the cake.

The Teamsters have been investigated from pillar to post by the Senate racket committee in a probe which still is underway and is turning up evidence of abuses almost every day. A court-appointed Board of Monitors has been policing the Teamsters Union to insure democratic practices by trustworthy officials since last May. It is difficult to understand what Hoffa's commission could uncover that has not already been disclosed either by the Senate committee's objective probe or by the Board of Monitors' watchdog activities.

If Hoffa prefers a probe by investigators of his own choosing, he is free to authorize it. But if he thinks the committee he appointed will whitewash his union or, at the worst, turn in a lukewarm report,

he chose the wrong man as chairman. Meadville acquaintances of former Sen. George Bender, who visited here frequently while his daughter attended Allegheny College, know him as an honest, energetic and aggressive man. The value of the investigation will depend largely on him and a thorough, diligent probe could further his political ambitions.

While Bender can be counted on to pursue the investigation to the best of his ability, it can be only as thorough as Hoffa wants it to be. A fair and complete investigation would require, first, the cooperation of Hoffa who has the power to cover up evidence and to withhold information from the commission of his own selection. Despite his self-announced honest motives, it appears that the nation will have to depend on Senate investigators and the Board of Monitors for an objective account of abuses in the labor-management field.

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### That'll Scare Hoffa

George H. Bender, chairman of the "anti-racketeering commission" appointed by James Hoffa, president of the Teamsters, says the commission won't pull any punches in cleaning up the union. As a matter of fact, Bender explains, the commission would try to cast Hoffa himself if it thought him out of line.

Though the Teamsters Union already has three court-appointed trustees, Hoffa obviously prefers to have a commission of his own on the job too.

We'll bet that Hoffa is really scared at what his hand-picked commission might do.

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### Hoffa's Board For Cleaning House

THE COUNTRY now has James R. Hoffa's pledge that he intends to "meet squarely" charges of corruption in the Teamsters Union. Unfortunately, Hoffa's past record in this respect is not encouraging.

He has appointed a board of three citizens to study the charges and make recommendations. The three are George H. Bender, former Republican senator from Ohio; F. Joseph Demohue, active in national Democratic

political circles; and Mrs. W. Jayne, a former Detroit judge.

In itself, this is a good enough board. Whether it can make any headway in cleaning up the scandal-ridden Teamsters is nevertheless in doubt.

Where does such a board start, when the man who appointed it boasts that he has a police record, "maybe as long as your arm"? Where does it start, when at least 60 Teamster executives have been tried for a great variety of serious offenses? Some have been convicted of such crimes as larceny, burglary, conspiracy, extortion, perjury, and so on.

The first test, common when the board reports, Hoffa has made no binding promise on what will happen then, although he says the Teamsters will be "guided" by the recommendations.

In light of the record, the public and many members of the Teamsters Union have come to be skeptical. They hope for the best but do not really expect it.

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Diversionary Movement

James Hoffa, declares Godfrey P. Schmidt, is not launching a "clean-up" of his Teamsters Union. Rather, he is trying to prevent that very thing. Godfrey Schmidt is one of three monitors selected by a federal court to side hard on Jimmy Hoffa.

Hoffa's citizens committee, headed by former Ohio Governor George H. Bender, is designed, Schmidt is satisfied, as a means of crowding the court body out of the picture. "Hoffa can't now say," declares Schmidt, "the monitors are no longer necessary because the union has got its own watchdogs. This is a typical piece of complicated Hoffa conspiracy, a typical Hoffa gambit. Hoffa is always trying to be clever. When you can't succeed in controlling one board, set up another."

All of what Mr. Schmidt says may be true; but the federal courts do not have to believe what Mr. Hoffa may say. So few outside the Teamsters Union do. Obviously Mr. Hoffa is, indeed, worming and twisting and squirming like a dog with a flea in his ear. If any federal court is impressed or misled by Mr. Hoffa's dodging and darning it will be because the federal court wants to be.



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## Judge Denies He Approved Creation of New Hoffa Board

Disputes Contention of Former Senator Bender,  
Named to Head Commission in Teamster Probe

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—United States District Court Judge F. Dickinson Latta, who is overseeing a cleanup of the Teamsters Union, said Tuesday that he has not expressed approval by Teamster President James R. Hoffa's new "anti-racketeering commission."

Former Senator George M. Bender, Hoffa-appointed chairman of the commission, said Monday he had conferred with Judge Latta before the formation of the commission was made public and that the judge had indicated he was in favor of the commission.

It was understood that Judge Latta will conduct a meeting in Washington on Sept. 4 to determine whether the commission's operations would conflict with the duties of the board of monitors, which he appointed last winter in supervising a Teamster Union cleanup.

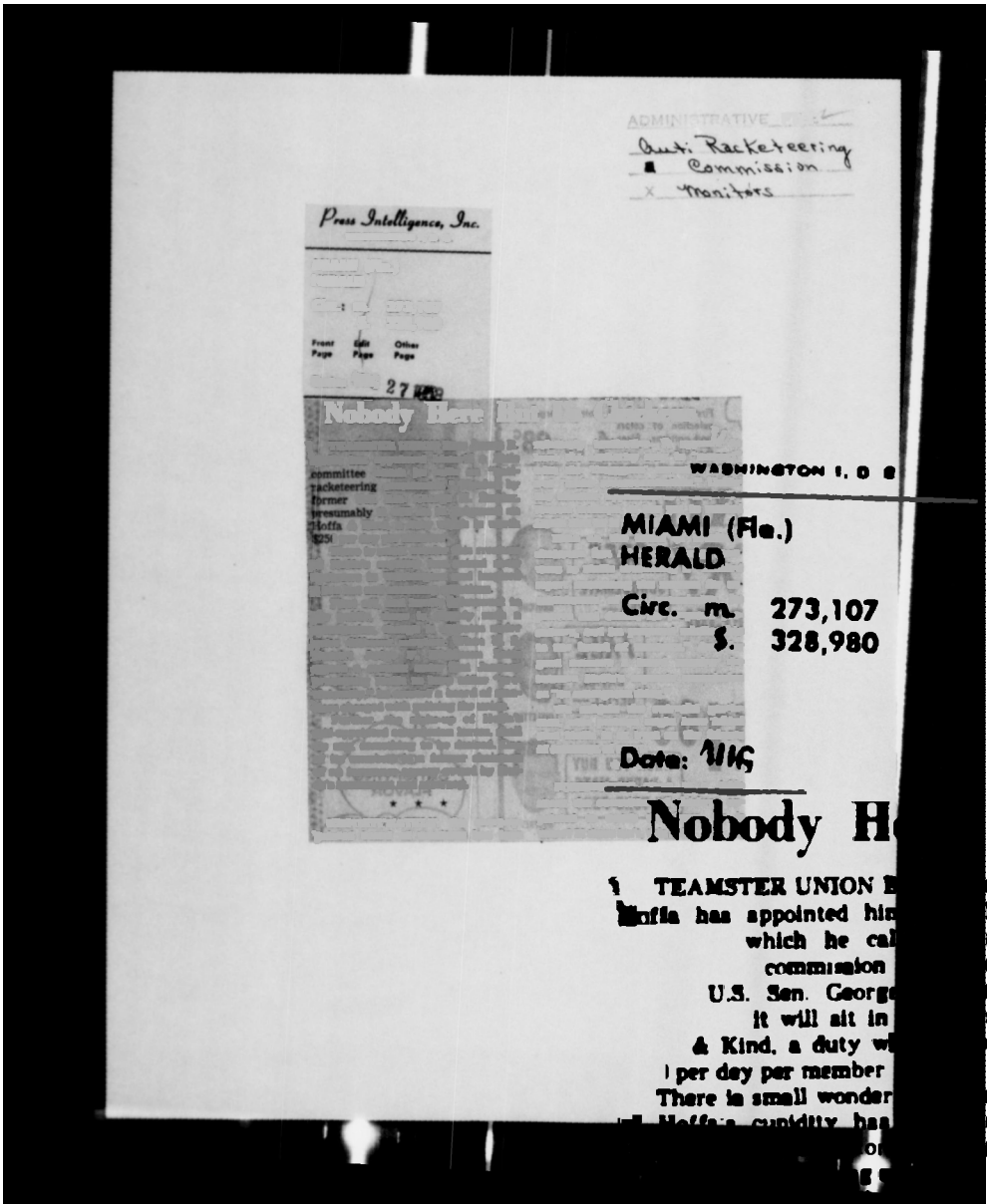
Godfrey P. Schmidt, one of the monitors, charged that Hoffa's commission-creating move, which the Teamster chief announced on Saturday, was an effort to evade and frustrate the monitors from doing their job.

Martin F. O'Donoghue, monitors' chairman, formally demanded that Hoffa turn over all information concerning the commission—its proposed scope and power and the Teamsters' memoranda concerning its formation—by tomorrow. Mr. O'Donoghue said Hoffa's move has "serious" implications.

Judge Latta, of Danvers, Mass., whom he is vacationing, said that he may have agreed that a Teamster cleanup was needed when Mr. Bender reached him by telephone but denied encouraging Mr. Bender to take the commission chairmanship, which Mr. Bender quoted him as saying.

Judge Latta said he will not tolerate any conflict between Hoffa's commission and the board of monitors.

Hoffa said Tuesday he will comply with Mr. O'Donoghue's request for information about the commission.



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quite different auspices. When U. S.  
District Judge F. D. [redacted] Letta  
signed a consent order last January  
permitting Hoffa to keep office "pro-  
visionally," he created a board of mon-  
itors charged with policing the union.  
Further, the make-up of Hoffa's  
self-appointed commission leaves, shall  
we say, something to be desired. One  
of its members is a former chairman  
of an insurance agency owned by Hof-  
fa's accountant and attorney.

UNFORTUNATELY, the court-ap-  
pointed board of monitors has been

relatively ineffective. It appears to  
have the authority only to "counsel"  
with the Teamsters' executive board  
and "make recommendations." Unlike  
the monitor appointed to oversee the  
Roman triumph, it has yet to remind  
Hoffa that he is mortal.

Even so, the board of monitors' chairman has addressed sharp ques-  
tions to Hoffa demanding a "detailed  
report concerning the reasons for es-  
tablishment of the commission, its  
powers and duties, its proposed pro-  
cedures, and its proposed relationship  
to the board of monitors." And for  
good measure a board member de-  
nounces Hoffa's separate commission  
as "an outrageous thing."

We subjoin the outraged gentle-  
man, who perhaps might have added  
that Hoffa is at least on the fringes  
of contempt of court.

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SOMEWHERE there is a fable  
about the committee of chickens ap-  
pointed to watch the foxes. Or is  
there? If there isn't, this is it.

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## Hoffa Probes Crime

Not to be confused by the AFL-CIO, the federal district court or the U. S. Senate, Jimmy Hoffa of the Teamsters has appointed his own "anti-racketeer-ing commission."

"Doubts," he says, "have been raised in some minds about the question of alleged racketeers and gangsters." Obviously this must be considered on the hot parade of understatements for 1958. Up to now it is well in the lead.

The seven members of the commission will get \$250 a day each for their labor, plus, presumably, staff hire and expenses, a new tap on Teamster dues money.

If Mr. Hoffa actually were interested in these "alleged" gangsters, he might consult, free, with the monitors appointed by Federal Judge Dickinson Latta. The monitors just have recommended the barring from union office of criminals convicted of bribery, extortion, robbery, embezzlement, larceny and arson. Readily available court records would furnish names for this list.

Or he might consult, also for free, the records of the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Committee which found last year that Mr. Hoffa, then vice president, "associated with, sponsored and promoted the interests of notorious labor racketeers."

Or, better still, he could refer to the record of the McClellan Committee which reported to the Senate last March that "Hoffa runs a hoodlum empire, the members of which are steeped in iniquity and dedicated to the proposition that no thug need starve if there is a Teamster payroll handy."

Mr. Hoffa has been a reluctant listener to much of the McClellan Committee testimony while Teamster officials and associates have used the Fifth Amendment to dodge incriminating questions. If his memory has failed him again, the committee might furnish him with a list of names. Or he could buy the 13 printed volumes of Teamster testimony for \$18.25.

The impudence of Mr. Hoffa had been demonstrated amply, even before this latest evidence. The question remains, how long is the country going to put up with it?

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**From Our Point Of View:**

### Hoffa's Investigation Move A Little Bit Late In Coming

JAMES HOFFA finally has decided, compared to his last year's appearance which did little to substantiate charges against him. And if he really wants to "meet charges of corruption," why did he wait so long before taking action?

Others skeptical views are those of Sen. John L. McClellan, Racketeering Committee chairman, who said, "The test of the good faith... of this Hoffa-appointed commission is. Can and will it move against Mr. Hoffa himself," and of Sen. Carl T. Curtis, committee member, who said, "Hoffa's action will not lessen the need for legislation to curb the power of the bosses."

Hoffa may follow through on his promise to give the commission a free hand to be guided by its recommendations, if only because he feels that such a course is necessary to retain his position as president. But it is still likely that the move comes too late to satisfy his opponents. And as Sen. Curtis pointed out, "The taxpayers have already spent over a million dollars investigating union bosses."

What is needed now is an actual clean-up, rather than additional investigation.

Officials have occupied the Senate Racketeering Investigating Committee intermittently for more than a year, and further inquiry is planned. Hoffa now says no plans "to meet squarely charges of corruption" through appointment of an "anti-racketeering commission" paid by the Teamsters. Hoffa named former Sen. George H. Rader, once a racketeering committee member, to head the commission. It is to study charges made by the House committee, including those against individuals with criminal records.

Hoffa's action in starting a Teamsters cleanup from within might do some considerable commendation if it had come months earlier. It might then have demonstrated his "sincerity," of which Rader says he is convinced. Now, however, even some of Hoffa's most loyal supporters may be starting to doubt that sincerity. His recent insistence before the Senate committee did nothing to enhance his reputation, as



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## Hoffa's Useless Commission 3

JIMMY HOFFA'S appointment of his own "anti-racketeering commission" announced with fanfare in Washington, is a publicist's stunt utterly devoid of originality. About all it proves is that imagination is as rare as principle in the International Teamsters Union.

Snell wonder the Hoffa commission has drawn wide skepticism and derision from other investigators long at work amassing evidence of Teamster corruption.

In the first place, the prime need now in the Teamsters Union is not for investigation but for action against the abuses proven. Three investigations have already been made and are continuing. The Senate's labor racket committee has developed the case against Teamster racketeering and embezzlement on a scale equalled only by the late Kefauver investigations against organized crime. The AFL-CIO, after its own inquiry, threw the Teamsters out of the Federation with an ultimatum to clean up before readmission. A court-appointed team of monitors has recommended that certain ex-convicts high in the Teamster hierarchy be dismissed from the union.

All these inquiries have brought no action in the Teamsters Union, only protestations by Hoffa that he will move in time. Hoffa remains unchallenged Teamster boss despite several

close calls in his own criminal trials. The Teamsters Union still nestles to its bosom a prize collection of former convicts.

Instead of cleaning up, Hoffa now tries to divert attention from the findings of the investigators by appointing investigators of his own. He has set up a three-man commission whose members are former Senator George Handker, of Ohio, chairman; Ira Jayne, a retired circuit judge in Detroit, and Joseph Donohue, a former commissioner for the District of Columbia.

Jayne has acknowledged he is chairman of the board for an insurance company partly owned by Hoffa's attorney.

Hoffa's tactic is parallel with a recent maneuver by Rafael Trujillo, dictator of the Dominican Republic. Trujillo hired a three-member commission to investigate charges against him in the sensational disappearance of a Dominican expatriate, and an American pilot, from this country. The commission, retained for \$100,000, found Trujillo as pure as the driven snow.

We have no idea what the Hoffa commission will find or what its recommendations will be. But the Teamsters have ample evidence already at hand, if they have real intent to reform. We note, moreover, that Hoffa's investigators will draw \$250 a day; it would require Olympian detachment for them to forget they were on Hoffa's payroll.

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### Hoffa Commission v. Hoffa Monitors

Recent disclosures by the Senate Rackets Committee that hoodlums are thick in the upper tiers of James R. Hoffa's Teamsters Union have overshadowed the activities of the monitors appointed over the Teamsters last winter by a federal court. However, the monitors are functioning—and vigorously enough to have come to dagger points with Mr. Hoffa. They have called on him to remove several Teamster officials, and are scheduled soon to receive demands for his own ouster from rank-and-file union members, whom anti-Hoffa suit led to a consent suit order creating the monitorship.

A majority of the three monitors—one represents Mr. Hoffa—has indicated that it will challenge a commission which the Teamsters president has set up "to meet squarely charges of corruption" in the union. Appointed to the commission by Mr. Hoffa were former Senator George H. Bender, of Ohio; F. Joseph Donohue, former president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia; and Ira W. Jayne, a former Michigan judge now teaching law at Wayne University.

The monitors' unhappiness is well founded. The rival commissioners would be paid by the Hoffa union at the rate of \$250 for each day devoted to their assignment. A Hoffa lawyer estimated the inquiry would require two years or more for completion. The arrangement of pay would be a deterrent to the commissioners' objectivity. The monitors possibly were appalled by Mr. Bender's show of enthusiasm for the job.

Investigations financed by persons—or agencies or governments—being investigated never inspire much confidence. The latest example was Morris L. Ernst's study of the disappearance in 1956 of Jesus de Galindez, a foremost critic of Rafael L. Trujillo and his Dominican Republic dictatorship. Mr. Ernst is known as a long-time defender of human rights. Yet his conclusions were in line with what his employer, Generalissimo Trujillo, wanted, and by no means have erased doubts that Dr. Galindez was liquidated.

The Hoffa-paid Hoffa investigators, if they are permitted to fulfill their commission by the court that set up the monitorship, will be unable to write a convincing report that does not add to Mr. Hoffa's reputation as a blackguard. It should be disbanded. The Senate committee and monitors should be able to look into the Hoffa case well enough.

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## Report Feud In Hoffa Union Over Clean-Up

Special to the New York Post  
Washington, Aug. 26—While the Senate racketeers committee continued questioning Teamsters union members today, there was dissension reported building up within the union over its two "clean-up" committees.

A board of monitors appointed by a U. S. District Court earlier this year said it would challenge the "clean-up" group named last week by Teamsters president James R. Hoffa.

A spokesman for the monitors said Hoffa's action in naming a group headed by former Sen. George H. Bender (R-Ohio) was "outrageous." The monitors said they will ask U. S. District Court Judge Letts to protest to Hoffa, and demand an explanation.

Frederic Howell Baker

On Capitol Hill, meanwhile, Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.) and his racketeers committee recalled Robert (Barney) Baker, 33-pound Teamster muscleman, for questioning today about an envelope of \$100 bills.

Baker denied in earlier testimony that the envelope containing \$1,000 was given to him for arranging a score game between the Teamsters and Earl Moran Exhibitors Service, McKees Rocks, Pa.

Baker is an able Teamster vice president Harold Gibbons, who was linked to Liber violence in St. Louis by an attractive woman witness yesterday.

Tells of Domestic Ties

Mary Lou Feltz, 34, testified that she drove a taxicab into a Teamsters' meeting during a 1953 taxi strike under orders from Gibbons.

In Indianapolis, a bomb exploded last night outside the home of John R. Stevenson, first vice president of the Carpenters Union, which later, a clean-up investigation by the AFL-CIO. No one was hurt and no one was injured by the blast.



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## Will Hoffa Appointees Investigate Hoffa?

PRESIDENT JAMES HOFFA'S selection of a special commission to inquire into corruption and an imposing array of other malfeasance alleged against his Teamsters Union has evoked much skepticism, some indignation, and no confidence, at all, outside of the commissioners-designate.

It is not hard to understand this lack of faith on the part of AFL-CIO exponents of ethical practices who expelled the Teamsters Union from the federation, of the board of three monitors appointed by the court to watch over Hoffa's administration, or of the Senate Rackets Committee which has taken voluminous testimony concerning corrupt and violent practices by union officials and has charged that Hoffa surrounded himself with underworld characters in his grab for power.

Geoffrey P. Schmitt, member of the board of monitors which the court appointed when Hoffa assumed the presidency under a consent decree, called his appointment of a special investigating commission "outrageous," and commented: "Hoffa can now say that the monitors are no longer necessary because the union has its own watchdogs. This is a typical piece of complicated Hoffa conspiracy . . ."

Senator McClellan, chairman of the Rackets Investigating Committee, said with obvious cogency that the test of the Hoffa commission will be in its willingness to move against Hoffa, himself.

On this point there was no assurance from the commission members. The chairman, George H. Bender, former U. S. Senator from Ohio, was eloquent in protesting his intention to "pull no punches" and his great faith in Hoffa's "sincerity." But he would not go so far as to say that Hoffa and other officials would be included in the inquiry.

Any investigation that ignores this group will require an amount of ingenuity well worth the \$250 a day that each of the three commissioners will draw, even though it would, in the familiar phrase, be like Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark—and also without Claudius and Polonius and Laertes, and (in view of some recent witnesses before the committee) also without Gertrude and Ophelia.



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### That \$250 a Day

George Bender says his Hoffa-appointed and Hoffa-paid committee is not restricted in its housecleaning of the Teamsters' union. He says the committee can deal with anyone from the president of the union on down to the janitor.

Anyone who believes the calves are chasing the butchers and that the rabbits are running the hunters bowlegged will accept Bender's statement at face value.

Others will prefer to believe that Bender knows who is paying him \$250 a day—and what for.

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## Hoffa's Own Investigation

Earlier this year a federal judge dismissed proceedings against James Hoffa, president of the Teamsters Union, on agreement that the judge appoint three monitors to watch over affairs of the union and see that Hoffa conducted the clean-up he had promised. So far, little has resulted from the monitor system.

Hoffa has now complicated the situation by appointing his own investigators, who will conduct their own survey of the union and make a

report as to its purity and virtue. They will be paid \$250 a week out of union funds.

The chairman of that Hoffa-appointed commission says that he has been given a completely free hand, and that he is confident the union will follow any recommendations made by his group.

But a commission investigating the organization that is paying its salary and expenses is hardly capable of being completely impartial.

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## Hoffa Commission a Cover-Up?

Former U. S. Sen. George H. Bender (R-Ohio) apparently has a very low opinion of the intelligence of the American people.

Bender was appointed along with F. Joseph Donohue, Democratic former president of the District of Columbia commission, and Ira W. Jayne, retired Detroit judge, by James R. Hoffa, teamster union president, as a "commission" to investigate racketeering in the teamster union.

Bender stated, "I agreed to serve only after assurance from Mr. Hoffa and his attorneys that I will have a free hand to act as I see fit."

We can just see Bender "seeing fit" to fire his boss.

The move by Hoffa is an obvious attempt to use former high titles and con-

nections to cover up the unsavory dealings and characters in the teamster union—and Hoffa's connections with them. And it is an attempt to "shake off" the three man monitor board appointed by the court to keep tabs on teamster affairs.

Until the teamster members rid themselves of Hoffa and his associates there is little likelihood that the teamsters can clean up their union. It is a sad commentary on democracy in union that the teamsters have let so many gangsters and racketeers infiltrate the organization and take over so much control. Until union members themselves are determined to regain control of their own union the shenanigans by Hoffa and associates will continue—at their expense.



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**Hoffa Has His Own Monitors**

THERE seems to be no limit to the audacity of the Teamsters Union president, James R. Hoffa. Himself under surveillance by court-appointed monitors, the Teamster boss has created his own private racket squad.

During recent weeks Senate investigators have unearthed an ever lengthening record of Hoffa's links with underworld figures such as Arsonist Frank and Herman Kuehn and the strong-arm man, Robert Baker—links which now reach even to the still half-solved Greenblatt kidnap ransom mystery.

As the picture of Jimmy Hoffa has been painted blacker and blacker from day to day, the question has arisen as to how his monitors were monitoring. They were not reacting sensibly.

Indications are that the monitors appointed by U.S. Dist. Judge F. Dickinson have felt inadequate to deal with the Teamsters' leader who has an underworld empire reaching from coast to coast.

Certainly a Hoffa racket squad, standing inish to the court-appointed monitors, should be able to find more racketeers than any other such group now in existence. If that were an intention, it is quite obviously in vain. Instead, it is a ruse by which Hoffa probably hopes to show that since he has his own racket squad, it will now be unnecessary to have a board of monitors police who Teamsters.

As the Senate investigation of abuses by labor union leaders continues, it emphasizes the tragic plight of helpless union members caught in the Hoffa net and others of its type. But the 85th Congress failed to approve even the mildest of corrective labor legislation.

If there is any hope, then, for a curb on Boss Hoffa, it is coming from the courts, and, more specifically at this time, from the monitors appointed to watch over him.

In demanding an immediate, detailed report on the new Hoffa move, the creation of a union racket squad, the monitors finally have come alive. They will get nowhere, however, unless they have the firm support of the courts that gave them the assignment.

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### Hoffa's Anti-racket Committee

The public will keep its fingers crossed until Jimmy Hoffa's anti-racket steering committee produces evidence that it is more than a smoke-screen to hide the failure of the Teamsters union to rid itself of a lot of lawless characters.

The most optimistic view of this latest maneuver by Teamster President Hoffa is that it is the first indication that he recognizes the record being piled up by the McClellan committee may not forever be ignored.

But why couldn't Hoffa have called on the court-appointed monitors, who have been overseeing the administra-

tion of Teamster affairs for nearly a year, for advice about getting rid of racketeers and criminals? The services of the court-appointed monitors might have been a less expensive drain on the union's treasury than the \$250-a-day fee that is to be paid to each of the members of the new committee.

None of the members of the committee—George Bender, former Ohio Republican senator and representative; Joseph "Jiggs" Danahue, Washington, D. C., lawyer and Democratic politician; and Ira W. Jayne, former Michigan circuit judge—contributes impressive stature to the Hoffa committee.



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Mr. Bender's Task

He taking on the task of investigating the Teamsters' union for the Teamsters' union. Former Ohio Sen. George C. Bender may have climbed on the back of a tiger.

Mr. Bender says he has been promoted a few times by Warner Bros. Pictures. No doubt, he is what Mr. Hoffa wanted. But in politics Mr. Bender was somewhat of a genial innocent. Given with the two experienced lawyers whom Mr. Hoffa has engaged to assist him, Mr. Bender will be in daily danger of ending up as a free meal for the tiger. Tigers may like to be caressed, but few are tolerant of efforts to scrub the stripes off them.

With Mr. Hoffa's housecleaning intentions suspect, and with Mr. Bender's housecleaning skills speculative, the gambit gets under way with a modest initial burst. It will be interesting to see whether it gains momentum. Not every successful flight, it is only fair to remember, is launched by jet propulsion.

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#### HOFFA HIRES SOME EXPERTS

James P. Hoffa, miracle man of the Teamsters Union, seems to have pulled an ace from his sleeve in naming a commission of three experts to investigate his union. Now that the court-appointed monitors and the Senate Racke's Committee have found much corruption in his organization he is becoming a bit worried.

Those assaying his union from the outside have found much to criticize. So as Hoffa's ears begin to burn and as the "clean up" talk gets louder he had decided to appoint his own panel of experts. Business organizations have done the same thing, so why shouldn't the Teamsters?

The union membership was not consulted about paying exorbitant fees of \$250 a day for these experts. Hoffa rules the union and does not have to take such trivial matters to the rank and file. The experts are now going to advise Hoffa about what to do about the criminal elements in his union. We think that the Hoffa experts are extraneous. Hoffa knows all about the criminals in his ranks and why they are there. He needs no one to brief him.

We think the monitors and the Senate probers should ignore any findings of the Hoffa experts and go on with their work as if they never existed. The monitors should insist that the union purge itself of people who will misappropriate funds and commit arson, assault and murder with a drop of the hat. The Teamsters Union should get rid of its rogues' gallery and teach Boss Hoffa not to be defiant and contemptuous of the authority of government. All this can be done without a new panel of "experts."

## Letts Denies Approval of Hoffa Board Judge Will Hold Meeting Sept. 4

By Robert A. Badolia

United States District Court Judge P. Dockman Letts, who is overseeing a cleanup of the Teamsters Union, said yesterday that he has not expressed approval of Teamster president James R. Hoffa's new "anti-racketeering commission."

Former Sen. George H. Bender, Hoffa-appointed chairman of the commission, said yesterday that he had conferred with Judge Letts before the formation of the commission, was made public and that the judge had indicated he was in favor of the commission.

It was understood that Judge Letts will conduct a meeting in Washington on Sept. 4 to determine whether the commission's operation would conflict with the duties of the board of members which he appointed last winter to supervise a Teamster union cleanup.

### Opposed by Monitor

Godfrey F. Mahardt, one of the monitors, charged that Mr. Hoffa's commission-creating move, which the Teamster chief announced on Saturday, was an effort to evade and frustrate the monitors from doing their job. Martin F. O'Donoghue, monitors' chairman, formally demanded yesterday that Mr. Hoffa turn over all information concerning the commission—its proposed scope and power and the Teamsters' memoranda concerning its formation—by tomorrow. Mr. O'Donoghue said Mr. Hoffa's move has "serious" implications.

Judge Letts, of Dennis, Mass., where he is vacationing, said that he may have agreed that a Teamster cleanup was needed when Mr. Bender reached him by telephone but denied encouraging Mr. Bender to take the commission chairmanship, which Mr. Bender quoted him as saying.

Judge Letts, according to the Associated Press, said he will not tolerate any conflict between Mr. Hoffa's commission and the board of monitors.

Mr. Hoffa said yesterday that he will comply with Mr. O'Donoghue's request for information about the commission.

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## Whom Is Hoffa Fooling?

**WHY DON'T Teamster President James E. Hoffa think he is fooling when he appoints his own three-man "anti-racketeering commission" to conduct a cleanup of the union?**

He is not pulling the wool over the people's eyes, he is not misleading Chairman McClellan of the investigating committee, and he is getting the cold shoulder of a majority of the three monitors appointed by the U.S. district court to insure that the union is democratically operated by acceptable union officials.

The men singled out by Mr. Hoffa for his "commission," and almost certainly to be paid from the Teamster treasury, have respectability. They are retired Judge E. W. Wayne of Michigan, former Sen. George H. Bender of Ohio, and Mr. Joseph Donohue, former president of the board of commissioners of the District of Columbia and former special prosecutor for the department of justice.

But since their duties would lie to undermine the court-appointed monitors, the decisions to accept such an assignment is questionable. This is all the more true, even though they may have plans for cleaning up a situation which Mr. Hoffa himself has stubbornly refused to correct, nobody has any idea that they are going to "mosey along" the labor boss himself, as Senator McClellan puts it.

Under the circumstances, one would think that the three new employees of Mr. Hoffa would feel uncomfortable.

So sordid is the record that it is altogether impossible to whitewash the Teamster chief by such measures or to hold him up as a man who has seen the light and is ready to change his ways. Monitors named by the court not only would be justified in asking the court to dissolve

the Hoffa commission, but they have a duty to do so in order to keep the realities of the situation from being distorted.

Instead of cooking up a good scheme to confound the real issue, Mr. Hoffa and his advisors have only made it apparent to all that the point of desperation has been reached. They are confronted with a situation that cannot be controlled by goon squads, and are therefore turning to bold subterfuge when, in fact, time has run out.



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# Teamster Monitors Order Hoffa to State If He Will Heed His Racket Group's Findings

By A. WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter  
WASHINGTON — The Teamster Union's court-appointed monitors ordered President James R. Hoffa to show whether his new racket investigating group is a sham or a genuine attempt to fight corruption in the union.

Monitor Chairman Martin F. O'Donoghue, in a letter to the union president, specifically asked Mr. Hoffa to state whether he will comply with any recommendations the new "anti-racketeering commission" might make. The letter also noted that Mr. Hoffa had named the three-member commission without first consulting the monitors—who are charged by Federal court with policing Teamster activities.

Because "the creation of such a commission has serious implications," the letter stated, Mr. Hoffa must reply by tomorrow to these additional questions:

How big a staff and budget will the commission have? Will its recommendations be made public? Will it function for a set period of time or can Mr. Hoffa kill it any time he wishes? Will it conduct hearings and what types of counsel will it look into?

The Teamsters Union has never refused to obey monitor orders. The monitors have made it clear that if their orders were ignored, they would go immediately to the Federal court that created the monitor system and ask the court to direct officers and employ. The monitors are court officers and employ. The monitors are court officers and employ. The monitors are court officers and employ.

Mr. Hoffa, announced, appointment of the commission last week as his answer to charges by investigating Senators that he has done nothing to rid his union of racketeers and gangsters. He said the commission, to be financed out of union funds, would investigate and "advise" the union about gangster infiltration. On view of the union about gangster infiltration. On view of the union about gangster infiltration. On view of the union about gangster infiltration.

## Monitors Accused

This last sentence—plus Mr. Hoffa's failure to consult them first—apparently was what aroused the monitors. Now they want Mr. Hoffa to say in advance whether he intends to abide by whatever recommendations are made, rather than wait to see what is recommended before he commits himself. Mr. Hoffa could demonstrate his good faith, the monitors are reported to believe, by pledging to comply with the commission's findings.

Mr. Hoffa was attending hearings of the Special Senate Investigating Committee when the monitors released the text of their letter to him. He said he would have no comment, but conceded he had named the commission without consulting the monitors first.

Commission members named by Mr. Hoffa are former Sen. Bender (R., Ohio), F. Joseph Donohue, former District of Columbia Commissioner, and Ira W. Jayne, retired Michigan judge.

(Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts, vacationing in Massachusetts, denied he had encouraged Mr. Bender to take the Hoffa appointment, the Associated Press reported.

Mr. Bender had said he consulted with the judge, and was encouraged to accept the job. Judge Letts said that wasn't so, but he may have said something to the effect that a cleanup was needed in the union.)

It was Judge Letts who created the official monitor panel as part of the settlement of an intra-union suit that blocked Mr. Hoffa from taking office temporarily. Mr. Hoffa took the presidency provisionally, under the scrutiny of the monitor panel the judge appointed.

When he learned of the Hoffa move to name his own racket investigating group, the judge warned that there "can't be any collusion" between the Hoffa commission and the monitor board.

The union's official court monitors, meanwhile, disclosed they had extended the deadline for union action against a Hoffa intimate, Owen (Bert) Brennan of Detroit.

Mr. Brennan, president of a Detroit local of the union as well as an international vice-president, invoked the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer Senate investigators' questions about testimony he used union funds for his personal benefit.

## Expulsion Charges Ordered

The monitors ordered John F. English, Teamster secretary-treasurer, to file intra-union charges against Mr. Brennan to expel him from membership. They also requested that Mr. Brennan take a leave of absence while his activities are investigated.

Monitors first specified that these actions must be taken by August 25, but a delay until August 30 was granted when Mr. English replied he did not have constitutional authority to comply. The monitors amended the order to make it read that either Mr. English or John J. Conlin, first vice-president, must act.

Monitors said union attorneys had advised them by telephone that other orders demanding action against other Teamster officials had been complied with. Written notice of compliance has been asked.

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### Hoffa Hand Picks His Probers

TO SAVE his job as czar of the Teamsters Union Jimmy Hoffa agreed to the court appointment of three monitors to curb racketeering in the huge transport organization. The court's representatives have recommended the elimination of some mobsters and the adoption of a program to insure honest elections in the union.

The monitors have been doing too good a job to satisfy Jimmy Hoffa. So we find the boss of the Teamsters appointing his own three-man commission to examine the charges that the union is racket dominated. Hoffa's hand-picked commission is supposed to advise on house-cleaning methods. The purpose of the Hoffa commission becomes obvious, when it is realized that one of the three commissioners is chairman of a Detroit insurance company owned by Hoffa's attorney and by Hoffa's accountant.

The three Hoffa commissioners are to be paid \$250 a day while on commission work. The three may be honorable men, and they may be practical men. If they are practical men they cannot be expected to bite the hand that feeds them, and that hand is Hoffa's. The commissioners claim Hoffa has given them a free hand to bring down proceedings. Bringing master proceedings is not the same as ousting the malefactors. The final decision doubtless will remain with the top echelon, the same men who have made it easy for mobsters and racketeers to infiltrate the ranks of the Teamsters Union.

Hoffa's commission is suspect at the outset. It is suspect because Hoffa and the court-appointed monitors do not see eye to eye. The hand-picked commission appears to be Hoffa's attempt to circumvent the court-appointed commission.

The need for Hoffa's commission is not evident. The McClellan committee has made clear the sullied record of the Teamsters Union. Hoffa can read that record and learn the facts. If he doesn't already know them. He doesn't need three men, at \$250 a day, to tell him what the Senate has revealed. In fact, Hoffa may know more about the racketeering in the union than the Senate committee's investigators.

Would not Hoffa's purposes be best served if he named Dave Beck, and Frank Brewster, West Coast Teamster official, and Barney Baker, Teamster strongman, to the "watchdog" committee? Strong is the evidence that Hoffa doesn't want a clean-up in his union, and to thwart the high purpose of the court he names a commission which has an official standing and whose recommendations are worthless unless they meet with Hoffa's approval. There is enough on the record to allow Hoffa to expunge the records from his union. Hoffa doesn't want that.

If the court has the power to strike down Hoffa's attempt to dismount and discredit the three monitors who stand over Hoffa's shoulder the court should exercise that power.

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### Hoffa's Self Searching

Teamster President James R. Hoffa's appointment of his own commission to investigate corruption charges against officials of his union is reminiscent of the Dominican Republic's recent probe of the disappearance of Dr. Jesus de Galindez.

The Dominican government named two prominent American lawyers to dig into accusations that Galindez was kidnapped in New York City and flown to the Dominican Republic by the late Gerald Murphy of Eugene, Ore., or was disposed of in the boiler of one of two Dominican ships in New York harbor at the time. Galindez had been a severe critic of Dictator Rafael Trujillo.

The lawyers, Morris Ernst of New York, who had been an aide to Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Truman, and Ex-State Supreme Court Justice W. H. Mumm of Buffalo, N.Y., issued a public report that they found no evidence connecting the Dominican Republic or any of its officials with the Galindez disappearance. The report was greeted by Trujillo critics, of course, as a whitewash.

Mr. Hoffa's commission is made up of equally prominent Americans: George H. Mendon, former Republican senator from Ohio; F. Joseph Donohue, a Democrat and ex-commissioner of the District of Columbia, and retired Detroit judge and Wayne University law school professor Ira W. Jayne. Whether or not the Hoffa group finds evidence of corruption in the Teamsters Union remains to be seen.



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## Who Could Have Any Faith In an Investigation By Hoffa?

TEAMSTER PRESIDENT JAMES HOFFA has hired a three-man outside commission to investigate charges of corruption, gangsterism and criminality in his 1,500,000-member union.

The purpose he says, is to "allay the doubts that have been raised in some minds about the question of alleged racketeers and gangsters" to work.

If Hoffa is sincere in his desire for a true investigation, why did not he and his hoodlum henchmen help in the efforts of the Senate investigating committee by answering committee questions? If he wants to "allay doubts" about the rackets in his union, why has he resisted all efforts by the anti-racketeering monitors to have these men disclosed? The three commissioners—former Ohio Senator GEORGE BRUNER, former District of Columbia Commissioner F. JAMES DAVENPORT and retired Detroit Circuit Court Judge BEN JAMES—are all respectable and capable men. We have no doubt that they will do a conscientious job. But there are several reasons why the public is likely to regard with skepticism the report of their investigation and the reasons for their appointment.

Hoffa himself says that the "investigation" may require two or three years, which creates natural doubts that the whole thing is intended as nothing more or less than a stall. And whatever the final report may contain, there is no reason to believe that Hoffa will use the report to effect a clean-up in his union. The untidy facts about hoodlumism in the Teamsters have been aired already by the Senate investigators and by the three men appointed by the court to police the Teamsters, and two of the monitors have stated flatly that Hoffa consistently refuses to follow their clean-up orders. If he refuses to effect a clean-up on the orders of the Senate, the public, the monitors and other labor unions, why should anyone believe that he will do so on the advice of his own hired investigators?

The public can hardly have complete faith



James Hoffa

in a report on Hoffa based on material furnished by Hoffa and compiled by men hired by Hoffa. We recall that earlier this year, in a peculiarly parallel case, Dominican Dictator TIAUJILLO employed the eminently respectable New York attorney MORRIS EMMET to "investigate" charges that TIAUJILLO was connected with the disappearance of Columbia professor JESSE GALINDEZ. Public confidence was not established (nor, we suspect, was Mr. EMMET's reputation helped) by the subsequent report which, not surprisingly, gave TIAUJILLO a clean bill.

It is hard to see, too, how a further investigation can explain away the corruption already exposed by previous investigators. The facts, which have never been denied, are that former Teamster boss DAVE BACK milked the union for hundreds of thousands of dollars for his own use and the enrichment of his followers. Revelations of his financial management forced him from office, but Hoffa, his successor, has made no change in union operation to prevent repetition. Nor has he moved to clean out the hoodlum element in top Teamster positions. On the contrary, the hoodlum element has grown under his presidency.

GEORGE CONNELLY, a dynamiter and extortionist, was named Teamster business agent in Minneapolis after being linked to a murder in Miami. HIRSHMAN and FRANK KIMMORF were given jobs with Hoffa-controlled locals in Michigan after emerging from an Ohio penitentiary where they had served time for armed robbery. BASNEY BAKER, New York waterfront thug, is Hoffa's personal Midwest representative. JON CHIMCO, CAPONE-gangster crony and twice arrested for murder, is trustee of a Chicago local. HARVEY FAIKEMAN was named head of an Ohio local upon release from prison. FRANK KIMMORF was burned to death, apparently while trying to burn down a dry-cleaning establishment, presumably as part of his official Teamster duties. And so on.

If Mr. Hoffa wishes to "allay doubts" about corruption and dictatorial rule in the Teamsters union, let him take steps to make the union responsible to its membership, fire the hoodlums and ex-convicts who now infest the union, and adopt the responsibility laws now in force in other unions that make it impossible for union officers to continue to cheat Teamster members of hundreds of thousands of dollars. If the Teamsters themselves want to take the first step to allay public doubts about their union, let them first get rid of Hoffa.

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**ONLY A SHAM ACTION**

Teamster President Hoffa's rather dramatic action in naming an "Anti-Racketeering Commission" to purge his union of gangsters, if any, cannot be taken too seriously. Rather it would appear to be a gesture devised entirely to the pretension of leading the public to believe that the big union was undergoing a major reform movement.

Hoffa's action is looked upon with skepticism, first, because he named the Commission himself instead of some outside or neutral person or group—the trying your own case before a packed jury.

And, next, Mr. Hoffa says that "I wish to make it clear that I do not consider the mere existence of a record of past convictions as automatic grounds for denouncing an individual."

If a past record of gangsterism, violence and crime is not to count, Mr. Hoffa's "Anti-Racketeering Commission" need never function.

But the real clincher comes with the reaction of Rackets Chairman, Senator John L. McClellan, that "the test of good faith and nerve of the Hoffa-appointed commission is, can and will it move against Mr. Hoffa himself?"

Chairman McClellan says Hoffa's purported cleansing action will not defer the committee from its course of duty and that its investigation will continue.

Hoffa's interpretation of what constitutes a strong and honest leadership is probably quite at odds with that of the commission and the public generally.

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#### Hoffa Investigates Himself

President James Hoffa of the Teamsters has asked a three-man commission to investigate charges that his union is racket infiltrated, and to recommend ways to clean it up. This is an interesting situation. The Hoffa union, which once belonged to the Becks, has been the subject of more investigation than the activities of many a movie star.

Congress, through the McClellan Committee, has been on the job for a year. Once Mr. Hoffa was even brought to court, but the friend of Joe Louis was found not guilty by a jury of his peers. The fact is that the McClellan Committee has been so taken with Mr. Hoffa that it only had a short time to investigate the other union barons like Reuther and Dubinsky. It was beginning to appear that Mr. Hoffa was a sort of diversion.

Then there is a watchdog committee of three court-appointed monitors watching Mr. Hoffa. The trouble is that they are unable to watch good many things because Mr. Hoffa won't let them. The monitors are unhappy, but their honest efforts, or the honest efforts of two of them at least, are of no avail.

Mr. Hoffa, who is extremely efficient, is annoyed at this inept behavior. Since, despite the record exposed by the Senate committee, and the watchfulness of the watchdog committee, not only nothing happens to curtail his activities, but no laws are passed to curtail his power at all, he has reason to suspect something is wrong. He has now appointed his own committee to complete the circle. He is about to investigate himself.

There was a time when we thought that sooner or later such a display of arrogance would shock Congress into passing laws which would curtail the labor barons. Obviously, we were too idealistic. Congress was only narrowly prevented from passing the pretense labor-control bill of Kennedy and Ives. We are still optimistic. Maybe these men who are apparently beyond law and justice will go so far that the American people will rise up and demand that Congress pass laws to protect them from exploitation.



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## Washington Scene

### The Bender Press Conference

By George Dixon

I HAVE covered some ridiculous press conferences in my time, but the most absurd I can remember ever attending was the one given the other day by George H. Bender, the bungling former Senator from Ohio. The conference was so such as the circumstances that prompted Bender had just been hired by James R. Hoffa to investigate James R. Hoffa.



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The Teamsters Union president retained the departed GOP lawmaker to head a three-man "commission" to help Jimmy investigate charges that the Teamsters Union is dominated by hoodlums. Bender and his two "co-commissioners," F. Joseph (Jack) Donohue, former president of the District of Columbia Board of Commissioners, and former Detroit Councilman W. W. Wayne are to be paid \$250 a day each by Hoffa.

This seems to be unnecessary extravagance on the part of the gangster-courted union boss. He can get all the investigating he wants for nothing if he pays his yards. The Senate Labor Rackets Committee, headed by Sen. John L. McClellan, is delighted to have an obliging, and

as are the three snailshells appointed by the U. S. District Court to keep Hoffa and his organization under surveillance.

In fact, Sen. McClellan and his monitors are definitely skeptical about Hoffa paying to have himself investigated. Something about the thing seems to have stirred up the cynic in them—and they refuse to be reassured, no matter how ex-Renator Bender hoots and blusters.

I AM SOMEWHAT baffled as to why Bender called a press conference, except that he loves to talk, even to newspapermen, who long have been his avowed critics. There is so much about him to criticize. He hired the Cabinet Room in the Willard Hotel, decorated it with microphones, and invited a crowd of photographers within 15 feet of him.

Bender tried to keep the thing on a pompous plane, but after the first couple of questions, decorum was hopelessly and permanently shattered. He was asked how much Jimmy Hoffa was paying him, and he replied—as if it was a trifling or token emolument, not worth mentioning—that it was \$250 a day.

"Any overtime?" bellowed one of the irreverent. Bender tried to rise above this silliness. He was asked if he felt that he would be in

a position to recommend the ouster of Hoffa should his "investigation" show Hoffa culpable of anything.

Speaking for myself—yes," he replied. "I can't speak for the other two commissioners." A reporter asked familiarly why Jiggs and Ira weren't present. Bender said he liked to talk for himself. This went undisputed.

BENDER'S REPLY to most of our questions were marvels of circumlocution. We lost him a dozen times somewhere out in left field. His so-called "starch" as bordering on mixed metaphor. For instance, here is one piece of verbatim Q. and A., which seemed to have disturbing overtones of cannibalism:

Q. If the Teamsters think they are getting a soft touch in you, will you surprise them?

A. The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

Bender said he can't see any conflict between his "commission" and the monitors, although most other people can. Possibly he needs glasses. He continued chattering until someone asked him what he would do if he found the Teamsters Union infiltrated with narcotics pushers, burglars, extortionists and white slavers. For the first, and only time, he was forthright.

"I have no use for them," he said.

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## Bender's Opportunity To Bring Out Facts

BY reason of his personal force and wide experience, former U.S. Senator George Bender is likely to be the dominant member of the three-man commission hired by James R. Hoffa to conduct an investigation into the affairs of the Teamsters Union and attempt to prove or disprove the charges against it of corruption, racketeering and misuse of power.

Mr. Bender is well qualified for this assignment if it is to be carried out in a spirit of genuinely open-minded inquiry, designed only to bring out the facts, whatever they are.

He has had long service in government. He lived for many years in Cleveland where the labor movement is strong and active. He is widely acquainted with labor leaders.

His background and experience have been such that George Bender can render a useful service to the country if he will devote the same skill and energy he has often demonstrated in public office to the task he has now undertaken.

Should he elect, however, not to do his full duty as an impartial investigator but to turn in only a flack job for a lucrative fee, he will disappoint the many thousands of Ohioans who, through the years, have voted him into various posts and who recognize

his qualifications to do full justice to the challenging assignment.

The Bender commission will begin its work in the face of much public skepticism and openly voiced charges from many quarters, including other labor groups, that it represents a clever move by Hoffa to effect a whitewash of his union.

In the face of this fact, the job he has undertaken represents a stern test of Mr. Bender's integrity and character as well as of his skill. His Ohio friends and supporters will hope that he may measure up to the responsibility in every particular.

As to Hoffa, should his sponsorship of an independent probe into his union be shown to constitute a genuine effort toward reforming its practices and achieving personal rehabilitation, the public will welcome this turn of events. It is an American axiom that it is never too late to mend and that true repentance always is welcomed.

However, Hoffa and his union, on the revealed record, have a multitude of sins to answer for. Unless these are frankly faced in the commission's findings and affirmative steps projected to chart an unmistakably new and different course for both the union and its head, the probe can prove to have been worse than futile.

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JIMMY HOFFA has hired  
George Bender of  
Cleveland to look for corrup-  
tion in the Teamsters' Union.  
After the McClellan committee  
exposures it's seems like hir-  
ing someone to point out the  
sun.

We can't figure which will be  
more difficult—for Mr. Bender  
to explain to Mr. Hoffa if he  
finds corruption or to the pub-  
lic if he finds none.

The gubernatorial fight in  
New York seems to be a battle  
between \$75 million and \$100  
million, give or take a few.

No man should be taken as  
seriously as he takes himself.

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### Hoffo's Self-Investigation

James R. Hoffa has created a three-member commission to investigate the Teamsters Union and recommend any changes in administration that it deems necessary. The president of the Teamsters is under increasing pressure, even for him, from the Senate investigation of racketeering and corruption in his union and from increasing insistence by rank and file members that he get out of the union presidency.



The Teamsters Union operates already under the scrutiny of three monitors appointed by Judge Latta of the Federal District Court in Washington for the purpose of overseeing and overhauling the union's administration. The monitors were appointed, an agreement with Mr. Hoffa, in an out-of-court settlement of a suit brought by union members who charged that Hoffa was elected president illegally, and who sought his ouster. These monitors already have made some recommendations for cleaning up the Teamsters Union, though there is no indication that Hoffa has done anything much about carrying the recommendations into effect.

Two of the three monitors have complained that the appointment by Hoffa of his own investigators is an effort to short-circuit the government-appointed agency. And if that is not the purpose of this move by the Teamsters president, then it is

difficult to understand what the purpose is. Certainly it is not reasonable to assume that this man is actually seeking to clean up and reform the management of the union which has been shown by the Senate investigators to be riddled with criminals and racketeers and thugs, who would not be there without his knowledge.

The president of the Teamsters Union does not need the federal monitors or his own self-chosen commission to show him the way to install decency in place of hoodlumism in the management of the union. No one can know as surely as he knows who the union's hoodlum officials are, and how they operate. The truth is the union needs a housecleaning that would start with Hoffa himself. Nothing short of this will place the management of this union, which holds tremendous power over the nation's economy, on a respectable basis. The appointment of private investigators to investigate himself has all the appearance of another spectacle of Hoffa thumbing his nose at his union rank and file, and the law.

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### Tainted With Hoffa Touch.

In typical fashion, Jimmy Hoffa's plan for a Mac-ribbna investigation of his Teamsters union was hardly announced before it came under a cloud.

Retired Wayne county Circuit Judge Ira W. Jayne, one of the three prominent citizens Hoffa named to serve on a cleanup commission, is chairman of the board of an insurance agency owned in part by Hoffa's attorney, George A. Fitzgerald.

Further, the insurance agency is now involved in litigation, which includes embezzlement charges and claims by its former owner that he was pressured out of business by officials of the bus operators' union and two former employees.

Wayne Prosecutor Samuel M. Olsen says investigation has failed to support the pressure charges Olsen himself is now under fire in Detroit for an \$11,000 campaign contribution he received from the Teamsters union.

There were no strings attached to the campaign gift, Olsen says; it came from rank and file members, not Teamsters officials. And Judge Jayne, who served for many years on the Wayne bench, had the reputation of being a fair jurist.

In addition, the other two members of the special commission are eminent men, former Republican Sen. George H. Bender of Ohio and F. Joseph Donohue, Democratic former head of the District of Columbia commission.

Both Jayne and Bender have specifically stated that they took the job only with the understanding that Hoffa meant business and their hands would not be tied.

Nevertheless, the entire investigation now has been tarred with the Hoffa touch—the taint of influence and connections that stretch out in every direction from the little men with the big ideas.

And unanswered is the question of how the "monitors" named by a federal court to police and investigate the Teamsters will fit into the scheme of things. If Hoffa were sincere, it seems he would have used this ready-made "commission," instead of ignoring its recommendations as he has done.

Eventually the Jayne-Bender-Donohue group may do a solidly worthwhile job; certainly it has a fertile field in which to work. But for the present, few will sell the move as the start at long last of what has been so sorely needed—a sincere effort by Teamster leadership to clean up its own mess.

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## Is Hoffa Buying Some Whitewash?

BEFORE will be required then a study by IWA "three outstanding citizens" for Teamster boss James Hoffa to carry out his announced intention "to meet squarely charges of corruption."

The men who will conduct the inquiry into Teamster affairs — former Senator George Bender of Ohio, former District of Columbia Commissioner P. Joseph Donahue and retired Michigan Judge Ira W. Jayne— appear to be persons of integrity. But the fact remains that they will be on the payroll of the Teamsters Union, at the reported rate of \$250 for each day worked during the inquiry.

The conditions of their employment recall Distater Rafael Trujillo's retaining of two prominent New York lawyers last year to investigate the disappearance from New York of Dr. Jesus Maria de Galindez, a bitter critic of Trujillo. The lawyers, Morris L. Ernst and William H. Munson, reported this spring they could find no evidence linking the Trujillo government of the Dominican Republic with Galindez' disappearance. Their report was naturally open to the suspicion of "whitewash" and it was immediately attacked as such.

It would be unfair to conclude that Mr. Ernst and Mr. Munson were bought by the Trujillo government. It would be an injustice to the Hoffa-appointed committee to anticipate a finding that all is well inside the Teamsters Union.

But justice is not served when a "hired" judge returns his verdict. A clean bill of health signed by Messrs. Bender, Donahue and Jayne won't be enough to restore public confidence in the leadership of the scandal-ridden Teamsters Union.

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### Jimmy Hoffa's "Committee"

James Hoffa, chief of the Teamsters Union, and a man accused again and again by the McClellan committee for permitting or encouraging the infiltration of notorious criminals into the union, thinks he needs some help in cleaning up the Teamsters organization.

So he has selected a three-man committee to "guide us and assure the membership of our union a strong, honest leadership."

The members are former U. S. Sen. George Bender of Ohio, a GOP ally of the late Sen. Taft; F. Joseph Donahue, a Democrat and former District of Columbia commissioner; and a retired Detroit judge and law professor, Ira W. Hayna.

This is going to be a profitable job for the committee-men, at \$350 per working day each. The question is whether their inquiry is going to be profitable to Hoffa. Presumably he thinks it will be. One member comes from Michigan, where Hoffa is politically very powerful, and Bender represents a party having rather close ties with Hoffa.

We suggest that if the committee wishes to do a neat job and do it quickly, the members only have to read the testimony involving the Teamsters Union delivered before the McClellan committee. The investigation of this situation has already been made, by far more competent fact-diggers than this committee could ever hope to be. It has been established that the Teamsters is dominated by scores of hoodlums with long police and court records whom Hoffa has never, to anyone's knowledge, tried to remove. McClellan counsel Kennedy charges, in fact, that Hoffa does not dare to kick them out.

Hoffa's purpose seems twofold, to sidetrack the growing rank-and-file movement aimed at getting him out of the union, and to bypass the monitors named by a Federal court to watch Hoffa's administration. The monitors' reaction has been quick and angry, in calling the naming of the committee a typical Hoffa "conspiracy", and demanding that he dissolve the group. And if he refuses, the court may direct him to do it.

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## HAS 'FREE HAND,' BENDER REPORTS

He Cites Hoffa Assurance  
To Anti-Rackets Squad

Prober says he is board head  
of firm partly owned by  
Hoffa's attorney. Page 4

(Washington Bureau of The Sun)  
Washington, Aug. 25—George  
Bender, chairman of a three-  
man "anti-racketeering commis-  
sion" established by the team-  
sters union, said today he had  
been assured by Jimmy H. Hoffa,  
the union president, that the  
anti-racket squad would have  
"a free hand."

But Bender refused to say  
Hoffa himself would be investi-  
gated and also refused to dis-  
cuss any of the other teamsters  
who have been in the limelight  
recently, except for Robert  
Baker, the 244-pound Hoffa aide.

"You don't have to do much  
investigating about him, do  
you?" Bender remarked at a  
press conference this afternoon.

Another Development

In another development on  
the teamster front today, the  
three-man board of monitors,  
appointed by a Federal district  
court to supervise the morals of  
the teamster leaders, asked  
Hoffa for the full story on the  
surprise appointment of the  
anti-rackets squad.

The three-man anti-racketeering  
commission includes, be-  
sides Bender, Ira Lyons, retired  
Wayne County Circuit Court  
judge, and F. Joseph Donohue,  
District of Columbia  
commissioner.

Formation of the anti-rackets  
squad without notifying the  
monitors, which employed the  
chairman of the monitors, Mar-  
tin F. O'Donoghue. He said he  
warning the monitors had "se-  
rious implications."

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Hoffa so far has failed to set  
Bert Brennan, elected a vice  
president of the teamsters on  
the Waffle date last fall, is pres-  
dent of a teamsters local in De-  
troit and is probably Hoffa's  
closest friend. In an appearance  
before the McClellan commit-  
tee, Hoffa said of Brennan "I  
know him better than his own  
wife does."

Bender said the new anti-  
rackets squad would have an  
organizational meeting later  
this week. He said he had a man  
in mind for chief investigator.  
The staff, and the investigatory  
expenses will be supplied "from  
a revolving fund, which will be  
replenished from time to time,"  
Bender said.

He refused to speculate at  
what point an ex-convict serv-  
ing the teamsters merges into a  
racketeer. It was pointed out  
that one teamster official in  
Ohio had been convicted of  
white slavery. We'll have to  
judge each case on its individual  
merits," Bender said.

suggested in a conference with  
Williams and Cheyvit, but after  
he had agreed "to undertake  
this work."

He was asked how long he  
thought it would take the anti-  
rackets squad to comb through  
the teamster hierarchy. He said  
he had no idea. A reporter for  
a Cleveland newspaper shouted,  
"At \$250-a-day it'll take about  
five years." Bender amiably re-  
plied, "Just protect me from my  
friends."

Bender was asked, "Are you  
going to be able to get rid of  
Jimmy Hoffa?"

He replied again that he had  
assurance of a free hand but  
added, "I'm not sure to pre-  
judge any individual."

He said he was not familiar  
with the situation when it was  
pointed out to him that the  
board of monitors had some  
days ago asked Hoffa to get rid  
of Owen Bert Brennan. That that

Bert Bender, former press con-  
ference said he had consulted  
several times with Federal  
Judge F. Dickson Letts before  
accepting the post, which will  
pay \$250 a day whenever the  
anti-racket squad works.

Will Read Transcripts

He said, "Our work doesn't  
conflict in any way with the  
monitors. I'll say we'll cooper-  
ate with the monitors or any  
other agency."

The former congressman and  
senator from Ohio immediately  
was asked what he thought of  
the job being done by the Sen-  
ate's McClellan committee.

Bender said he had been  
chairman of an anti-racketeering  
committee in the House and had  
served on the permanent investi-  
gative subcommittee in the  
Senate. Then he added, "I pre-  
fer not to make any comments."

But he promised he would  
read the transcripts of the Mc-  
Clellan committee hearings.

Bender said he was first ap-  
proached about ten days ago and  
asked to serve on the commis-  
sion by Edward Bennett Wil-  
liams, Hoffa's Washington at-  
torney, and one of Hoffa's  
associates, Edward T. Cheyvit.  
He said the \$250-a-day fee was

# Jayne Ideal, Bender Sure

By Don O'Connor

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Former U. S. Senator Bender, said today a check of White House and Michigan files convinced him retired Judge Jayne W. Jayne is qualified for his "committee" committee.

"I haven't met Judge Jayne, although I know something of his reputation," said Bender, who was named Saturday by Teamsters President Hoffa to purge the union of crooks and gangsters.

Bender, a Republican, said he called numerous acquaintances in Michigan to check on Jayne, who is mentioned in an obscure 1934 letter to Teamster Atty. George Fitzgerald.

"I was assured he was one of the most highly respected citizens in the state," he said.

AS TO JAYNE'S connection with the Immigrant agency, Bender commented:

"I am in the insurance business. We own perhaps 100 different companies. Maybe Hoffa has an interest in one of those. Sure wouldn't dignify Judge Jayne on that score."

Specifically asked whether Hoffa had an interest in any of his firms, Bender said he didn't know. None of his companies, he added, handles any Teamster business.

Bender told a press conference he had dissolved the three-man cleanup committee with Federal Judge F. Dietrichson Lettis, who last spring named a three-man board of members to oversee the Teamsters in an out-of-court settlement of a challenge to Hoffa's presidency.

"He encouraged me to take the job," said Bender.

Bender conceded Lettis had not exactly given his blessing, but said the judge used such words as "fine" and "good" in discussing the plan with him.

YSA MONITORS yesterday were reported up to arms on the Hoffa scheme to meet complaints of corruption. They heard previously had ordered the suspension of several Teamster officials including Vice President (James) Bert Brownman, Hoffa's chief pay

Asked whether his \$250-a-day investigation was aimed at removing Hoffa from the union, Bender replied:

"No more than getting rid of the crooks who are in the union. Their job is not restricted."

As to the other commissioners, Bender said there was something there in line with our responsibilities. We wouldn't make a recommendation Hoffa made no restriction regarding himself at all.

BENDER SAID to his knowledge he had never received a political contribution during his 20 years in public office from the Teamsters Union and corruption contributions are outlawed in Ohio, he pointed out.

He said his group expects to work closely with the monitors and the Senate committee under Senator McClellan (D) of Arkansas, which has been blasting Hoffa for nearly two years on grounds of corruption.

"Don't prejudge our work or be too skeptical," he declared. "Proof of the pudding is in the eating."

Bender said he thought he was asked to head the committee because of his previous experience with labor racketeering. He headed a House committee which probed union racketeering in 1954.

THE THIRTIEN MEMBER—Washington Atty. F. Joseph Luskus— is a good man, Bender said, even though he has different political views.

Bender said he couldn't comment on the worth of the McClellan committee because he was "a former member of a comparable committee."

Washington authorities expressed surprise at the action today. The government normally pays outside advisers \$50 a day plus expenses.

A union spokesman said the fees had been approved by Hoffa and the union's general executive board.

He said the Teamster membership was not consulted, but that setting of such fees, similar to payments to union attorneys are not normally submitted to the members.

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## Hoffa's Counter-Move

While he and his organization are operating under "monitoring" supervised by a federal court and the McClellan Committee investigation goes on the Teamsters Union president makes an interesting move.

In part, the personnel of the "citizens' commission" appointed by James R. Hoffa, "to investigate corruption charges against Teamsters officials" is practically impressive.

The chairman is George H. Snyder, former United States Senator for Ohio. The other members are a former special prosecutor for the Department of Justice, and a retired Michigan County judge who is a member of the Wayne University law faculty.

The latter's fitness to serve as what is supposed to be an "impartial" commission is brought into question by the news that he is a former chairman of a company owned by Hoffa's attorney and accountant.

In his congressional career Becker served for a long time as chairman of an anti-racketeering committee. When he was in the Department of Justice F. Joseph Donohue won a literary conviction

against the notorious Harry Bridges. A few months ago he was selected to head a special board to investigate charges of Teamsters corruption in Philadelphia.

In view of certain McClellan Committee revelations the special commission members are obligated to scrutinize Hoffa's personal record. In announcing appointment of the commission Hoffa did not say or intimate that he was handing himself to accept and practically act on his appointees' findings and conclusions.

Of course, if the commissioners were to decide that Hoffa is clean enough to continue as president without damage to the big Teamsters Union he undoubtedly would accept it. But will he brush off their report if it states or intimates that he is reformed from the presidency is necessary? All he is saying now is "I intend to meet squarely charges of corruption."

Whether this is merely a publicity stunt to divert attention from the "monitoring" of the Teamsters ordered by a federal court and from the McClellan Committee revelations or signifying for a sincere facing of "charges of corruption" will be learned in the not distant future.

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## Hoffa Prober Says He Can Be Impartial

By CLARK MOLLENHOFF  
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WASHINGTON — Former Sen. George H. Bender said Monday that any Teamster contributions to his political campaign would affect his work as chairman of the new Hoffa-created anti-racketeering committee in the Teamsters union.

"I can't recall any contributions from the Teamsters union or Teamsters officials in 1954 or 1956, but there might have been some," the Ohio Republican said.

"If SOME Teamsters officials gave me some money, all I can say is 'God bless them,'" Bender said. "It won't bother me one bit in my work on the anti-racketeering committee."

"We can and will investigate Joe Zilch," Bender said.

He said Hoffa had promised the commission a free hand to bring ouster proceedings against anyone "from president on down to janitor" of the 1,500,000 member Teamsters union, largest in the nation.

Bender said that if his group felt that Hoffa himself should be ousted as president, "I would not hesitate to recommend it."

The jovial former congressman and senator said that he was qualified for his post because of his long years in the United States congress, and he pointed specifically to his work as chairman of a house investigating committee that investigated the Teamsters

union in Minneapolis in 1954. BENDER SAID that since that time a number of Minneapolis Teamsters officials, Sidney L. Brennan, Eugene Williams, Jack Jorgenson and Gerald P. Connolly, have been indicted and convicted on charges of accepting money from an employer.

Bender had no comment on the reports that Ira W. Jayne, former Wayne county Michigan circuit judge, was involved in the operation of an insurance company with Hoffa's attorney, George Fitzgerald, and Hoffa's accountant, Herbert Grosberg.

Jayne is another member of the Hoffa-created anti-racketeering committee.

Jayne said yesterday that he was asked in November if he would become chairman of the board of Union Square Agency, Inc., of which Fitzgerald is part owner.

"THE FIRM was having difficulties," Jayne said. "I took the position and I think things are operating properly now."

The former owner of Union Square Agency, Inc., said in Detroit that he was forced to sell the agency at a fraction of its value in May 1957, so Hoffa's advisers. Warrants charging embezzlement of \$123,000 from the outfit have been issued for six men, including four Teamsters.

George D. Kent, Wayne county assistant prosecutor, said Jayne resigned his post as chairman of the company shortly after the embezzlement warrants were obtained March 27. But Jayne, contacted at his vacation home in Fenton, Mich., said he had not resigned and was still head of the firm.

"I know of no conflict of interest between my activities on behalf of Union Square and any activities I might be called on to perform for the Teamsters," Jayne said. He said he had obtained the resignation of the former manager of the firm, William E. Campbell, and was in the process of looking for a new manager.

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## CLEAN-UP GROUP HEAD VAGUE ON SCANNING HOFFA

By GEORGE H. HALL  
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 26—  
General George Bender, an Ohio  
politician who used to com-  
pete with a boss to sym-  
bolize his determination to  
sweep the rascals out, is get-  
ting out to purify the Team-  
sters Union.

Bender, who served as a Re-  
publican Senator and Repre-  
sentative and who is now an  
insurance broker, told report-  
ers at a press conference yester-  
day he would pull no  
punches as chairman of a citi-  
zens commission named by Uni-  
on president James B. Hoffa  
to investigate corruption in the  
union.

"The proof of the pudding  
will be in the eating," Bender  
declared.

Bender was given a rather  
rough time by reporters who  
wanted to know whether he  
could be free to criticize Hoffa  
and other Teamster officials  
who have come under the fire  
of a Senate committee. Bender's  
answers were marked of diplo-  
matic tact.

Was a Bar Apiece.  
Bender said the Teamsters  
would pay him \$500 a day while  
he was working on investigating  
them. The other two members  
of the committee, F. Joseph  
Danahoe and Dr. W. Joyce,  
will not take any pay. Bender  
said he would have a traveling  
fund to use in performing a duty.

"How long will the job  
take?" a reporter asked.  
Before Bender could reply,  
a newspaper man from Ohio  
shouted, "At \$250 a day, five  
years?"

Bender, a portly man, grinned  
broadly from behind a high  
forehead.

Appointment of the Bender  
commission was announced  
Saturday by Hoffa. It was not  
clear what its relationship  
would be with the board of  
monitors appointed several  
months ago by United States  
District Judge F. Robinson  
Latta to supervise Teamster  
affairs.

"I talked to Judge Latta for  
20 minutes on the telephone,"  
Bender said. "He encouraged  
me to go ahead. He used the  
word 'go ahead' I called him  
back and he asked me if I had  
made contact with the moni-  
tors. I said no, this is a dif-  
ferent area from the monitors.  
The judge indicated he would  
like to meet with me and the  
monitors after Labor day."

Debate by Judge.

The Associated Press re-  
ported that Judge Latta,  
chief of the board, whom  
he is questioning, denied he en-  
couraged Bender to undertake  
the work. Judge Latta said he  
may have said something about  
a need for a clean-up but that  
Bender is "wrong" in saying  
the judge encouraged him.  
Judge Latta said also there  
"can't be any conflict" between  
Hoffa's commission and the  
three-man monitors board.

Bender was asked by a re-  
porter who kept calling him  
"George" whether he would  
hesitate to get rid of Hoffa.  
"Not any more than getting  
rid of Joe Zilek," Bender re-  
plied. "We say so. We are  
not restricted, frank president  
to janitor."

"Would you feel free to ac-  
cuse the disloyalty of  
Hoffa?"

"Here is an area," said Ben-  
der, "where the committee can  
perform."

"If you feel he should go  
could you recommend it?"

"If there is something in line  
with our mission we would not  
hesitate to make recommenda-  
tions," Bender said.

"Do you expect anything  
to come of your recom-  
mendations?"

"I expect if we recommend  
an individual should be ousted  
and if the facts warrant booting  
him out, I expect he will be  
booted out," Bender replied.

"Will you investigate Hoffa?"  
"We will decide how to pro-  
ceed after the commission  
meets."

Asked why Hoffa had chosen  
him, Bender said he had en-  
joyed 26 years of legislative  
experience and had investigated  
racketeering while serving in  
the House.

Hoffa said in announcing the  
appointment of the commission  
that the group would assure  
the membership of the union  
"a strong, honest leadership."

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## Wait And See / 5

George H. Bender of Cleveland, former U.S. senator and a Republican political leader in Ohio for many years, has been handed one of the most challenging assignments of his career. He is to spearhead an investigation of the Teamsters Union to bring out the truth about corruption charges leveled at the union's officials.

Bender is chairman of a three-man citizens commission suddenly established by Teamster Boss James R. Hoffa himself. This has resulted in some expressions of doubt about the merit of the action. But it is too early for criticism or praise.

Bender himself voiced what should at the moment be the keynote of the clean-up campaign when he said: "Just wait and see."

Senator John L. McClellan, the hard-hitting Arkansas Democrat who heads the Senate Rackets Committee, voiced skepticism that a commission appointed by Hoffa would move against him if the facts warranted such action.

Perhaps this viewpoint is a natural one, but to accept it as correct at this stage of the game would be to discount Bender's determination and drive. Once embarked on a campaign, whether it be political or investigative, the former Ohio senator is difficult to sidetrack.

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It's only fair to give Bender and his colleagues — F. Joseph Donohue, former Democratic District of Columbia commissioner, and Judge Ira W. Jayne, law professor at Wayne University — a chance to show what they can and will do in regard to Teamster Union corruption.

Back in 1954 when he was a member of the House of Representatives, Bender headed a subcommittee which conducted a vigorous investigation of Teamster activities in the Cleveland area. Bender hit hard at William F. Presser, Teamster leader in Ohio and one of Hoffa's top lieutenants.

The possibility is not overlooked that Hoffa is taking a bold gamble in an effort to turn the heat of the Senate Racket Committee's investigation of labor off his own back. If so, it is to be hoped that he will find that he has gambled the gambler's loss.



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#### Hoffa's Own Judges

Tramps are supposed to be judged by their fruits, but sometimes a good guess can be made by examining their needs and the ground in which they are planted. That is why Teamster James R. Hoffa's appointment of an "anti-racketeering commission" to investigate alleged members of his union has been received with some skepticism — to use the mildest possible term.

No doubt, Hoffa and his advocates will see "prejudgment" in the sharp comments of Senator McClellan; but the Senator has listened to quite a few Teamster witnesses and has some sharp and widely shared opinions of the union's bosses.

Even more important is the reaction of at least two of the three court-appointed members of the union. They see the Hoffa "commission" as an attempt to escape their surveillance, and they are going to find out from Judge Letts in New York whether it may not be illegal.

The public, disregarding legislative and political aspects, asks quite simply: Why, if Hoffa wants a union clean-up, did he find it necessary to create his own examining body? The work of the McClellan committee and of the members would seem to make a third investigating group about as unnecessary as a bald man's third comb.

The personnel of Hoffa's "commission" is not especially impressive. With all due respect, Sen. George Bender of Ohio does not have a strong background in labor affairs. P. Joseph Dunahan was a prison warden and member of a Justice Department committee who prosecuted just one case — against West Coast Teamster leader Harry Bridges. While the third member, Ira W. Layne, is a law teacher and a former judge, his business relations with a former Hoffa associate might have induced him to decline to serve as an impartial judge of Hoffa's associates.

If Hoffa really wants to clean up his union as well as his own reputation, he is free to use his own methods, provided they are speedy and impartial. But it is doubtful that the public was wowed by the new "commission" as a giant step to the work already undertaken by Congress and the courts.

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## Wait-And-See On Hoffa's Move

Jimmy Hoffa, the band-aid-plastered chief of the Teamsters Union, apparently must be had to do something in the face of the continued information drive of the McClure-Nixon investigating committee.

So he named a former GOP U. S. senator, George Bender of Ohio, a former District of Columbia commissioner, and a retired Detroit judge and law professor, to form a commission to investigate the situation within the Teamsters.

Bender as head of the group was prompted to explain his position. He said he thought a cleanup was in order, that he might be able to help, and he pledged honesty in the attempt. Others seem similarly on the face of things to be approaching the job with no preconception of whitewash.



Ex-Sen. George Bender

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Nevertheless, the commission itself is due to be viewed with elevated cynicism. The record already seems very plain as to Hoffa and his lieutenants and corporate sponsors.

Fundamental point is that Hoffa keeps referring to the union constitution, but any firm chief of the organization could, within that constitution, bring pressure to bear for ouster of the mobster if he so chose.

Hoffa never has chosen to do so. It is obvious from all that's being said now that there is no assurance the commission's findings, if adverse, would be acted upon.

Hoffa has said he is not afraid, that he is not a creature of the underworld moguls.

We elect to wait and see. It's going to take some mighty powerful cleanser to do the job already, plainly there to be done.

The commission could do itself no better service than promptly hosing up by reading the record of the Senate group hearings.



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## Hoffa Hires His Own Investigators

So now Jimmy Hoffa has appointed a three-man commission to examine the familiar charges that his Teamsters Union is racket-dominated and advise on ways of cleaning up.

What Hoffa conveniently ignores is that the Teamsters are already under thoroughgoing examination by the board of monitors approved by Federal Judge F. Dickinson Latta. This was accepted by Hoffa as a provision for letting him remain in office. And the monitors' majority has been doing an excellent job of recommending certain officers and laying down regulations for honest elections.

The corrective procedures are so good, indeed, that Hoffa is distinctly on the wicket with the monitors. And this latest Hoffa stunt has promptly drawn sharp criticism from Chairman Martin P. O'Donoghue, who wasn't informed of the wagon-formed commission and says this is nothing but a brazen attempt to short-circuit the court-sponsored board.

Hoffa's private group, of course, has no official standing whatever. It deserves to be stricken out by the court as an evasive attempt to confuse the situation.

Furthermore, if Hoffa is so self-righteously eager to reform the Teamsters, why doesn't he get moving right now? Hoffa doesn't need his own commission to advise him a couple of years hence. The McClellan committee has exposed the facts at length; the court's monitors are on the job; the public is fed up with Hoffa's stalling. And nobody is fooled by this latest crude attempt at taking the heat off.

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## Publicity Stunt No Way For Union to Houseclean

PERHAPS the greatest understatement of the year was made by Teamsters Union chief James R. Hoffa this past weekend in announcing the union's newly-appointed three-man "anti-racketeering commission."

Why did Hoffa and the union's executive board set up this commission?

Hoffa's explanation: Because "doubts have been raised in some minds about this question of alleged racketeers and gangsters."

Any "doubts" that still exist seem to be only in the minds of the James Hoffa in the labor movement. To everyone else, the facts seem to be clear-cut and subject to no more than this one interpretation: Racketeering and corruption have been permitted to run rampant through some segments of organized labor and the Teamsters Union is the worst example.

THE McCLELLAN Labor Rackets Committee has no doubt about the need for a clean-up in the Teamsters Union. Its findings of testimony on Dave Beck and Hoffa and the activities they and their various fellow local leaders engaged in made that clear enough.

Hoffa's own unsavory behavior as a labor leader and the detailed record of unethical and corrupt Teamster practices have won both the man and the union a place of disdain and distrust in the public mind.

THE AFL-CIO hasn't had any doubts about it, either. First, it suspended the giant union, then expelled it for failing to clean house. This list of charges by the federation's own ethical practices committee can't be called an attempt to smear the Teamsters by anti-labor forces.

—Dave Beck: James Hoffa and Frank Brewster: Using "union funds for personal purposes."

—Beck and Hoffa: Using "their official union position for personal profit and advantage, frequently to the direct detriment" of the union.

—Hoffa: "Improper activities relating to health and welfare funds" and association with "notorious racketeers."

—The Teamsters Union: Failure to meet "the standards for ethical union practices" laid down by the AFL-CIO.

THE COURT-APPOINTED team of monitors, who have been keeping a watchful eye on the activities of the union and its leader since rank-and-file members challenged Hoffa's election to the presidency, have spelled out a host of changes in personnel and procedures needed to assure a democratically-run and clean union.

As Senator McClellan said, when told of this new commission, its effectiveness will depend on how thoroughly it can go after Hoffa himself.

For he was shown by the committee to have been arrested 17 times and convicted three times, to have dealt with racketeer Johnny Dlo and his hoods in order to get control of New York unions, to have borrowed more than \$120,000 without interest from the union, employers and racketeers, and to have helped in a truck-leasing business for his wife and the wife of a top Teamsters aide that increased in value 31-fold in only six years.

All this and a host of other questionable activities.

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Although the three men named to the Teamsters commission have a generally good reputation, this group is no answer to the union's problems. The court monitors, who are charged with the very responsibilities the union now is trying to invest in its own appointed commission, most probably will try to eliminate the group before it begins operation.

THE FINDINGS of the Senate committee, the AFL-CIO and the monitors have shown what needs to be done to clean up the Teamsters. There's no secret about it. If the 85th Congress had passed the Kennedy-Ives labor reform bill, a lot of those needed changes would have been required by law.

Had James Hoffa and his Teamsters Union come up with such a commission a year or two ago, to chart a clean-up in its ranks, it would have been a worthy and significant move. The Teamsters never would have been bounced out of the labor federation and its current woes might have been lessened.

Now it comes more as a publicity stunt, far too little and far too late to do any good.



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## Jayne 'Glad To Help' Teamsters

But No Whitewash,  
He Warns Hoffa

Former Circuit Judge Ira W. Jayne, appointed to the new teamsters anti-racketeering commission, said Monday he will be glad to help the union "get going on the right track."

Jayne was named to the three-member commission Saturday by Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa.

The former judge said he concurred fully with a statement made Sunday by George M. Sander, former Ohio senator, who was named chairman of the commission.

SANDER announced that "there will be no Teamsters whitewash."

Jayne said that when "Mr. Hoffa suggested this thing to me I told him that if he meant business I'd be willing to go along."

The 76-year-old ex-judge has considerable knowledge of Teamsters' operations.

In 1944, Judge Jayne placed Hoffa and 15 other Teamsters on probation after they pleaded guilty to recommending others into joining a union.

The charge had been racketeering.

Van judge retired 23 months ago, ending 37 years on the bench.

JAYNE says he is a member of the board of an insurance agency partly owned by Hoffa's attorney, George S. Fitzgerald. He was asked to take the post at a time when the firm, the Wm. Square Agency, Inc., was having "difficulties," Jayne said.

Sam J. De Lorme, former owner of the agency, said he was pressured out of the business by two former employees and members of the Bus Operators Union.

Four present and former bus union officials and the employees have been charged with embezzlement as a result of De Lorme's complaint.

"I THINK the talk from now on should be done mostly by the chairman," Jayne said.

"But I'll observe now that the tremendous growth at the new welfare and pension funds has placed so much power and money in the hands of men with little experience that it is no wonder some have not known how to use it."

The third member of the commission is F. Joseph Donohue, former Justice Department special prosecutor.

In Washington, meanwhile, legislators took a generally skeptical view of the new commission.

Hoffa, himself the target of the Senate Labor Rackets Committee, which has charged him with corruption, said the commission will be empowered to dig out corruption within the union.

Senator McClellan (D., Ark.), rackets committee chairman, said the tone of the commission's good faith would be whether it can or will "move against Mr. Hoffa himself."

The rackets committee Tuesday will call Harold J. Gibbons, 47, St. Louis, a Teamsters vice president and a close associate of Hoffa in the union's Central States Conference.



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#### Hoffa Investigates Himself

One of the amusing developments of the past several days is the announcement by President James R. Hoffa of the Teamsters union that he has named a committee to probe charges against the union.

If the judgment of the members of the congress who have been leading into union affairs over which Hoffa presides is to be accepted, Mr. Hoffa's hand-picked investigators will have their work cut out for them checking the men who named them.

There always is much about the value of any investigation which is in the hands of persons named by the one who is most responsible for the crash, here, if any, in an organization.

The Senate Rackets committee has brought out many angles to the Mafia administration of affairs in the Teamsters union.

There is every evidence of crime and corruption in the union.

It will be interesting to see how much of this sordid mess will be handled by the Hoffa "investigators," and whether or not they will point their fingers at the man who runs the Teamsters union.

A strange phase of the union operation is that until the congress investigation, what had become a most unwholesome situation Mr. Hoffa went his merry way undisturbed.

It is difficult for him to claim that he knew nothing about past incidents because in a letter to Senator McClellan (Dem., Ark.) he said, "I do not consider a record of past convictions an automatic grounds for denouncing an individual."

Well, we will see whether Hoffa's committee is a whitewash crew, as is being paid by the union to confirm past illegal acts with new evidence even more shocking.

In the meantime, we believe the senate committee will have an effective hand against the Hoffa management of the Teamsters to make us suspicious of anything Hoffa now may do in the name of union integrity.

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## Will Bender Clean Up Teamsters?

If Teamster boss George Bender really wanted to clean up his mother-city, he should do it himself.

He wouldn't need a "clean-up committee" of the sort George Bender has been called upon to head.

So it's pretty obvious that the appointment of this committee is a frame effort to change the subject, and to try to bring a sense of respectability to a situation which just can't be pruned up at all.

Bender's willingness to go along is right in character for him, too.

THE "CLEAN-UP," or "whitewash," or whatever, promises plenty of headlines.

It also promises plenty of money (reportedly \$100,000 a day).

Bender loves headlines, and he loves money. He'll play this job for all it's worth, both ways.

If the "committee" has any integrity at all, it won't have the job of cleaning up the Teamsters.

Its members, first off, can simply demand the resignation of Hoffa himself, whose arrogance before the McClellan committee has been disgusting.

THEN IT CAN MOVE on to the removal of the whole mob of Teamster "dignitaries" who paraded before the McClellan group.

Men like Barney Baker, the 284-pound Lothario and "labor leader."

By his own admission, Baker is a name-dropper and a braggart.

Tragedy has touched him too, removing a couple of friends, name of Cockeye Dunn and Sonnet Sheridan who, in Baker's own words, met these makers. "I believe through association," said Baker does, however, have other friends who are very much alive.

SOME OF THEM, according to William J. Keating, once counsel for the New York Crime Commission, are among the nation's leading hoodlums.

Yet he is one of Hoffa's lieutenants, a real big man in a real big union.

The McClellan committee has let the likes of Baker rattle away, or sneak behind the Fifth Amendment, just about as they please.

The "clean-up" committee can, if it has any courage, demand that these rascals be busted as far out of the union that they won't even dare ride on rubber tires again.

BUT IS THERE REALLY any chance this will happen, considering the "inside" origins of this "clean-up" committee?

Another rich vein of source material for Bender would be the records of his own labor investigating committee, which he headed when he was in Congress.

That committee, it will be recalled, brought to light some damaging facts about a couple of Cleveland Teamster bigshots—Bill Prosser and Babe Tricorno.

They're still in power there.

Does Bender plan a new look at their records too?

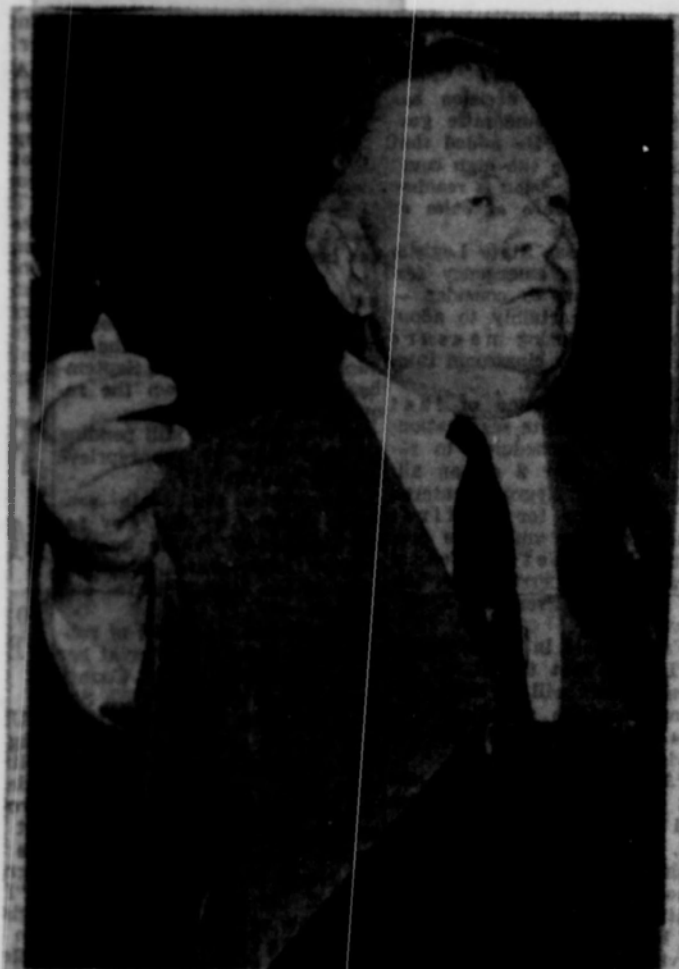
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## Democrat Raps Probe

# Bender Denies GOP Plan For Whitewash Of Hoffa

By Michael Maloney  
Savannah Political Reporter

Appointment of former Sen. George H. Bender, Cleveland, to head a commission investigating racketeering in the Teamsters Union was criticized here yesterday as a Republican Party attempt to "whitewash" James Hoffa, Teamsters president.

"Of course, it's absurd," Bender replied when informed of the charge of W. Ted Osborne, Democratic nominee for U. S. Representative, First District.

Osborne made the Bender remark in a speech prepared for delivery last night at the Hotel Almas, in which he called the Republican Party the party of "labor bosses and gangsterism."

Bender was appointed by Hoffa to head a three-member commission to study racketeering in the gigantic Teamsters organization. "As far as any partisan involvement is concerned, I wouldn't dignify it with an answer," Bender said from his office in the Department of the Interior.

"I think the Republican Party as a whole is involved in this," Osborne said. "He cited opposition of James P. Mitchell, Secretary of Labor, and the entire Labor Department to any kind of reform legislation" as his reason for linking the Re-

publicans with the Teamsters commission.

"I think they (the Republicans) are in there to get the whole deal whitewashed and Bender was selected to wield the brush."

"I can think of no other reason for which Mr. Bender would undertake such a thankless task and at the behest of such a notorious character as Mr. Hoffa."

"I agree with Senator McClellan that the name of the commission will be whatever it shows against Hoffa himself."

Osborne said referring to Sen. John McClellan (D. Ark.), chairman of the Senate Rackets Committee.

Bender said charges of partisanship on the commission could not be taken seriously. He pointed out that E. Joseph "Biggs" Donohue, another member, was campaign manager for Sen. Estes Kefauver (D. Tenn.) when Kefauver was seeking the Democratic presidential nomination in 1956.

"I certainly do not consider my political career at an end and I certainly would not agree to undertake a job like this unless I was guaranteed a free pass. Anyone who knows me, knows I do not whitewash, nor do I prevaricate, nor do I pull my punches," the former Senator said.

Osborne said recent developments in Washington, plus the appointment of Bender, strengthened his conviction that there exists a strong alliance between the "labor bosses" and the Republicans.

One of the developments, he said, was the defeat by the House of the Kennedy-Ives labor reform bill. Although the Senate approved the bill 87-0, the House defeated it 198-190, and 137 Republicans joined in the vote against it, including the two from Hamilton County," Osborne said.

Osborne said also that among labor leaders recently cited by the Senate for contempt was Maurice A. Hutchman, president of the Carpenters Union, "who was an active supporter and important contributor to both Eisenhower campaigns."

Turning to local affairs, Osborne commented on a recent statement by Ambrose H. Lindhorst, Republican campaign chairman, that John A. White, Democratic county chairman, was "owned by the labor bosses."

In recent years, Osborne said, Hamilton County labor has endorsed for election "as many Republicans as Democrats. They certainly wouldn't have done that had they been the playthings of the Democratic Party, or vice versa."



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## Bender Isn't Taking His Teamster Probe Lightly

By John R. Cauley.  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—George H. Bender, the senator from Ohio who has been hired by the beleaguered teamsters-union at \$250 a day and expenses to investigate charges of racketeering and corruption in its ranks, is a friendly and bouncy extrovert who is dead set about his new job even though a lot of other people around Washington are not. The skeptics around the Capitol just can't conceive of the free-wheeling teamsters subjecting themselves to a voluntary investigation, let alone paying a commission for doing it, but Bender stoutly asserted today that he has been guaranteed a free hand.

Bender, a Republican who served 14 years in the House and was chairman of an anti-racketeering committee, was named chairman of the commission set up by the teamsters. The other members are Ira W. Jayne, retired Wayne County (Detroit) circuit judge, and F. Joseph (Jiggs) Donohue, former head of the District of Columbia board of commissioners.

Bender met the press today and the tough questions began flying at once.

"Will you get rid of Jimmy Hoffa?" was the first one.

"We are going into this thing from the attic to the cellar," he replied cautiously. "I feel some officer is out of line and should be ousted I would not hesitate making recommendations."

"What about the narcotic pushers, the burglars and extortionists in the union?" "I don't like narcotic pushers, extortionists and burglars," he replied.

An Insurance Question. "You're in the insurance business, does Hoffa own any part of it?"

"Every insurance company has stockholders, but I don't think he does."

Then came the question which broke up the conference.

"How long do you figure this job will last?"

Before Bender could answer, a reporter who is a close friend, remarked facetiously, "At \$250 a day, it's liable to take five years."

After the gale of laughter had subsided, Bender, with a smile, commented to the reporter, "You're a big help! God save me from my friends."



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WHAT ABOUT MR. HOFFA?

We join Senator John L. McClellan in taking a very dim view of Teamster Boss James R. Hoffa's appointment of a top-level "antiracketeering commission" to purge his huge union of charges it is dominated by gangsters.

Senator McClellan, the Arkansas Democrat who has impressed all honest Americans with his distinguished and courageous chairmanship of the Senate Rackets Committee, declared that a test of the commission's good faith would be whether it moves against "Mr. Hoffa, himself." We fully agree.

There is obviously an attempt on the part of the Teamster chief, himself the possessor of a corruption-ridden career in organized labor, to whitewash both himself and many of his henchmen who have been exposed by the McClellan committee as having got criminal records. It appears as an act of desperation on the part of Mr. Hoffa.

We have no quarrel with the three members of the Hoffa-appointed commission—former Senator George H. Bender who was a member of the racketeers while he was in Congress; F. Joseph Donohue, former president of the board of commissioners of the District of Columbia and former special prosecutor of the Justice Department; and Ira W. Jayne, retired chief of the Circuit Court of Michigan and professor of law at Wayne University.

But neither the commission members nor anyone else can deny Senator McClellan's reaction which immediately puts holes in the Hoffa attempt to put a sugar-coating on something that is rotten to the core. The big question remains: What about Mr. Hoffa?

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**Mr. Bender's Task**

In taking on the task of investigating the Teamsters union for the Teamsters union, former Ohio Sen. George H. Bender may have climbed on the back of a tiger.

Mr. Bender says he has been promised a free hand by Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa. No doubt there is what Mr. Hoffa promised. But in politics Mr. Bender was somewhat of a genial innocent. Even with the two experienced lawyers whom Mr. Hoffa has engaged to assist him, Mr. Bender will be in daily danger of ending up as a free meal for the tiger. Tigers may like to be carried, but few are tolerant of efforts to scrub the stripes off them.

Mr. Bender, indeed, is just finding out—as in the general public—that one of the lawyers named to assist him is chairman of the board of an insurance company partly owned by Mr. Hoffa's attorney.

With Mr. Hoffa's housecleaning intentions suspect, and with Mr. Bender's Hawahawing talents speculative, the gamble gets under way with a modest initial thrust. It will be interesting to see whether it can pick up steam.

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# Hoffa's Probe

Jimmy Hoffa's appointment of an "anti-racketeering commission" to investigate charges of gangster domination of the Teamsters Union will impress hardly anyone.

Why should Hoffa want an investigation to determine what is already known, that criminals convicted of a long list of various felonies occupy key positions of prominence in the Teamsters Union. That evidence has been disclosed in detail at hearings conducted by the McClellan Senate Committee.

In fact, the Teamsters chief admits it. In his letter to Sen. McClellan announcing appointment of the commission, he said, "I wish to make it clear that I do not consider the mere existence of past convictions as automatic grounds for denouncing an individual."

It's this crowd of convicted criminals that made it possible for Jimmy Hoffa to take over the presidency of the Teamsters Union. In this circumstance it's understandable that he would hesitate to kick them out.

While Hoffa has announced it is his intention in creating the commission to "meet squarely charges of corruption in his union," Sen. McClellan significantly commented that a test of the commission's good faith would be whether it moves against Jimmy himself.

The trio named to the commission, former Sen. George H. Bender of Ohio, J. Joseph Donohue, former president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and Ira W. Jayne, retired chief of the Circuit Court of Michigan and professor of law at Wayne University, are men of standing. But it's difficult to see how they could possibly change the sordid picture that already is clear for all to see, whatever task they take in their assignment. It cannot be overlooked that they are hired by Hoffa and paid by him at \$250 a day, plus expenses.

It looks like a piece of clever Hoffa strategy to support his pretended righteousness. But it will fool no one. If Jimmy Hoffa really wanted to clean out the criminal element with which his union

is infested in high places, he has had plenty of opportunity. But he has vigorously demurred, for reasons that are plain to all.

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### Hoffa Moves Again

Without in any way attributing any suspect intentions on the part of the three men that Jimmy Hoffa named as a citizens commission to investigate corruption charges against Teamsters Union officials who serve under him, a most peculiar atmosphere surrounds the deal.

George H. Bender, former U.S. senator from Ohio, chairman of the commission picked by Hoffa, has a reputation that should stand up under the closest scrutiny. At one time while a member of the House he served as chairman of a committee investigating racketeering. The other members of the panel, F. Joseph Donohue, former District of Columbia commissioner, and Lee W. Jayne, former jurist and now a law professor, have achieved little public fame but their integrity seems to be questioned by no one.

That being the case, the question arising from Hoffa's maneuver becomes quite interesting.

The first was asked by Sen. John McClellan who has done more than any man in or out of government to bring the skulduggery within labor unions and among their leaders and racketeers to public light. He wants to know if the commission can or will "go against Mr. Hoffa himself."

Another question is why is Hoffa paying \$750 a day to three men for a job that has already been very well done by Senator McClellan and his staff? If the Bender commission produces any more convincing evidence than the McClellan committee and its witnesses, then Hoffa does not stand much chance of the vindication he surely must hope for in the commission's work. If there are more vicious characters lurking around in the area where Hoffa reigns than those already revealed, then where does that leave Jimmy Hoffa?

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Or, better still, he could refer to the record of the McClellan Committee which reported to the Senate last March that "Hoffa runs a hoodlum empire, the members of which are steeped in iniquity and dedicated to the proposition that no thing need starve if there is a Teamster payroll handy."

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# MR. HOFFA PREPARES HIS OWN BATH





# Insiders Say Hoffa Board May Fire Thugs Who Helped His Rise



—UPI Photo.  
Ex-Sen. Bender, chairman of the new commission, hopes perspiration after a news conference in which he said the board's action was in- vited clearly. Most ques- tions by newsmen were hos- tile to Mr. Hoffa.

(See editorial on Page 16.)

By FRED W. PERAINA  
Scripta-Bureau Staff Writer

A teamster insider said today that Jimmy Hoffa created his own "anti-racketeering commission" because it was to take the heat off Jimmy in firing gangsters and hoodlums to whom the union boss became indebted during his rise to power.

This view tempered extreme skepticism about an agency that can hardly avoid in- vestigating Mr. Hoffa himself, as well as ex-criminals he has been keeping on the far- flung Teamster payroll.

The Teamster authority said: "There will be no fight or competition between the commission members and any other agency interested in cleaning up this union. The commission was not estab- lished for that purpose."

¶ Big 'Ho'

Opinion in other interested quarters was that the Hoffa Board can be of real useful- ness to the public, the union,

An Editorial

## Hoffa Investigates Crime

NOT to be outdone by the AFL-CIO, the Federal District Court of the U. S. District, Jimmy Hoffa of the Teamsters has appointed his own "anti-racketeering commission."

"Doubts," he says, "have been raised in some minds about this question of alleged racketeers and gangsters." Ob- viously this must be considered on the bit parade of understatement for 1968. Up to now it is well in the lead.

The three members of the commission will get \$250 a day each for their labors, plus, presumably, staff hire and ex- penses, a new tap on Teamster dues money.

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and organized labor in gen- eral only if:

• It cooperates fully with the Senate Rackets Inves- tigation Committee and the court-appointed monitors now "riding herd" on the union.

• It does not attempt to act as a cushion or a lightning rod for charges of the Senate committee or recommenda- tions of the monitors.

• Mr. Hoffa acts on his findings in a way inspiring public confidence.

That the Hoffa Board will be watched closely was in- dicated yesterday in a press conference held by former Sen. Charles McNichols (R., O.), chairman of the new agency. Most of the ques- tions were hostile to Mr. Hoffa. Mr. Bender insisted repeatedly that he had been given "a free hand," with no

Practices Committee which found last year that Mr. Hoffa, then vice president, "associated with, sponsored and pro- moted the interests of notorious labor racketeers."

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Mr. Hoffa has been a reluctant lis- tener to much of the McClellan com- mittee testimony while Teamster offi- cials and associates have used the Fifth Amendment to dodge incriminating questions. If his memory has failed him again, the committee might furnish him with a list of names. Or he could buy the 13 printed volumes of Teamster testimony for \$16.25.

The impudence of Mr. Hoffa had been demonstrated amply, even before this latest evidence. The question remains, how long is the country going to put up with it?

strings despite the fact the union is paying the \$250 a day the three commission members get.

¶ Operations

Mr. Bender indicated that his commission will operate publicly to the extent of mak- ing its recommendations known. Whether that will be

before or after Mr. Hoffa acts was not clear.

At the same time the Sen- ate's McClellan Committee will be making disclosures— many about the Teamsters— in the usual flood-lighted man- ner. And the monitors will not depart from their policy of making their recommenda- tions known.

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tions publicly as officers of the United States District Court.

Under these circumstances, it is believed unlikely that the Hoffa Commission — without making itself look ridiculous — could attempt to protect criminal elements in the union or any continued partnership with them by Mr. Hoffa.

### Letter

That is qualified in a letter Mr. Hoffa sent Sen. John F. McClellan (D., Ark.) an hour after the announcement of the commission. Mr. Hoffa said:

"I wish to make it clear that I do not consider the mere existence of a record of past convictions as automatic grounds for denouncing an individual. But we shall be guided by the study and recommendations of our anti-racketeering commission."

Mr. Bender revealed that the commission was worked out about 10 days ago in a meeting attended by himself, Edward Bennett Williams and Edward A. Cheyfitz of the Teamsters legal staff, Mr. Hoffa and other Teamster officials.

### Policy

Mr. Bender said many questions of policy cannot be answered until a meeting later this week at himself and the two other commission men here. They are:

E. Joseph Donohue, former special prosecutor for the Department of Justice and former District of Columbia commissioner; sometimes a Teamster attorney; Ira W. Jayne, retired circuit judge in Wayne County (Detroit) and law professor at Wayne University in Detroit, for whom AFL unions organized a testimonial banquet upon his retirement from the bench a year ago.

Politically, the Hoffa Commission lines up: Messrs. Ben-

der and Jayne, Republicans; Mr. Donohue, Democrat.

Mr. Bender said he had talked by telephone about the commission with Judge F. Dickinson Latta, of the U. S. District Court which created the board of monitors. He said the latter "encouraged me to undertake this work."

# Hoffa Washline Stirs Probers' Suspicions

By William M. Kiringer

Chief of the Washington News Bureau of The Christian Science Monitor

Washington

Has shrewd James R. Hoffa, Teamsters Union president, set up a new antiracketeering panel mainly to get rid of the existing federal court-appointed antiracketeering panel which he

dismissed? Or is James Hoffa prepared to cooperate with his new "antiracketeering commission" headed by former Senator George H. Bender of Ohio even if it labels those Teamster friends racketeers and advises their ouster?

A suspicious Senate Rackets Committee, carrying on at the same old stand and probing the same old Hoffa associations, despite Congress adjournment, will keep a watchful eye on the new panel personally named by Mr. Hoffa.

The already existing three-man board of monitors, appointed earlier by a federal district court to supervise the behavior of the Teamster Union, is still more suspicious over the surprise appointment of the antiracketeers group.

Full Explanation Asked

Martin F. O'Donoghue, chairman of the monitors, said Hoffa's action without notifying the monitors had "serious implications" and asked Mr. Hoffa for a full explanation.

The Associated Press quoted Godfrey P. Schmidt, New York attorney and another of the monitor group, as saying:

"Hoffa can now say the monitors are no longer necessary because the union has got its own watchdog. This is a typical piece of complicated Hoffa conspiracy. When you can't succeed in controlling one board, set up another."

On the other hand, former Senator Bender, who heads the new antiracketeering commission, told a Washington press conference he had been assured by the Teamster president that he would have "a free hand to act as I see fit."

Scope Undisclosed

He said that if his commission told Mr. Hoffa should be ousted, "I would not hesitate to recommend it."

But Mr. Bender, now in the news since he refused to investigate and refused at this time to discuss any of the other Teamsters of Louisiana who have been in the limelight recently—men who, except for Robert Ma-

ker, 224-pound Hoffa side-

"You don't have to do much investigating about him, do you?" Mr. Bender commented.

Mr. Bender, who has been a friendly ally of labor unions throughout his congressional experience in House and Senate, said that before accepting his new job, he had consulted several times with Federal Judge F. Dickinson Letts, who originally signed the three court monitors under a court decree suspending a suit to bar Mr. Hoffa from office.

The Associated Press quoted Judge Letts Aug. 24 as denying he encouraged Mr. Bender to undertake the work. Mr. Bender was quoted Aug. 25 as saying: "Letts encouraged me very strongly to undertake the work. He feels there is a need for a cleanup."

Judge Letts said that he may have said the past about a need for a cleanup but that Mr. Bender is "wrong" in saying the judge encouraged him.

Judge Letts said also there "can't be any conflict" between Mr. Hoffa's commission and the three-man monitors' board.

Judge Letts approved the setting up of the new investigatory group, Mr. Bender declared.

Spotlight Shifted

Meanwhile, the Senate Rackets Committee, shifting its spotlight from Detroit, opened hearings Aug. 26 on the forces behind violence-ridden taxicab strikes in St. Louis.

Committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy said a St. Louis police captain, a former prize fighter, and two onetime St. Louis cab drivers would be among the early witnesses.

He would Harold Gibbons, vice president of the Teamsters Union in St. Louis and long a close associate of Mr. Hoffa, he said.

Early investigation seems to associate the Teamsters Union with violence and hoodlum be-

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havior and to turn up con-  
spirators with court records.

Meanwhile, Ira Jayne, retired Wayne County (Detroit) circuit judge named by the Teamsters president as one of his new three-man commission, was disclosed to be chairman of the board of an insurance company owned by George S. Fitzgerald, Hoffa attorney, and Herbert L. Grossberg, Hoffa's accountant.

\$166-a-Day Fee

Mr. Jayne said he had no financial interest in the company but was called in to help clean up the company, where an embezzlement warrant had been issued for his men, including four Teamsters.

Former Senator Bender said he was first approached about ten days ago and asked to serve on the new commission by Edward Braggatt Williams, Mr. Hoffa's Washington attorney. He will be paid a fee of \$250 a day.

He said he was not familiar with the advice given to Mr. Hoffa by the already existing monitor panel, that he get rid of Owen Bert Brennan, elected a Teamsters vice-president on the Hoffa slate last fall and president of a Teamsters local in Detroit. Mr. Brennan is one of Mr. Hoffa's closest friends.

Mr. Bender said the antiracket panel would have an organizational meeting shortly, and said he would read carefully the transcript of the Senate Rackets Committee hearings headed by Senator John L. McClellan (D) of Arkansas.

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Hoffa Gets 24 Hours

**Monitors  
Demand  
Explanation**

Court-appointed monitors today demanded a seven-point explanation within 48 hours of what Teamsters' president James R. Hoffa had in mind when he set up an "anti-racketeering commission."

Martin F. O'Donoghue, chairman of the monitors, made public a letter asking Hoffa for more precise details on the functions and operating procedures of the new commission.

The monitors were named by a Federal judge to oversee Hoffa's stewardship. Hoffa said the new commission, whose functions presumably might clash with those of the monitors, would help the union rid itself of racketeer elements.

**QUESTIONS**

The monitors asked if the commission will be limited to investigating alleged gang-buster domination of the giant truck union; whether it will be a permanent group; whether it will conduct hearings; and how it will fit into the union's own complaints and appeals procedures.

The monitors also asked if the commission's recommendations would be made public and to what degree the union proposes to bind itself to follow any such recommendations. He also wanted to know how large a staff and budget the commission would have.

Mr. O'Donoghue noted that the monitors were not committed about the three-man commission and asked for copies of all correspondence and intra-union memoranda regarding the new, potentially rival body.



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### Window-Dressing?

JAMES R. Hoffa has finally indicated the hot water in which the Teamsters Union has been boiling is beginning to burn.

Hoffa took cognizance of charges of underworld influence in his union by naming a three-member "anti-racketeering commission" to investigate the charges and make recommendations.

The caliber of the men named to the commission indicates they will make a sincere effort to help the Teamsters root out evil influences.

The same sincerity of purpose cannot be credited to Hoffa. It is obvious he is seeking an out. The public disgust over revelations of the Senate hearings is beginning to hurt. Hoffa had to do something to remove some of the heat.

If Hoffa honestly wants to clean up his union he can do it himself. He can oust those officers who are tainted. He can put honest union members into responsible positions.

Most important of all, he can resign. The hoods are in the Teamsters Union because Hoffa permits them to be there. If he sincerely desires to correct the condition, he'll get out and let Teamsters who have no links with gangsters choose a new regime — all the way down from the top.

Any other course is mere window-dressing.

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## Hoffa Gets a Blast From Monitor Team

Times Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 — Teamster Boss James R. Hoffa got a blistering letter today on his three-man anti-racketeering commission.

It came from the board of monitors previously appointed by the federal court to oversee the Teamsters. It charged that Hoffa's weekend appointment of a hand-picked board had "serious implications."

Martin F. O'Donoghue, chairman of the federal monitors, posed seven searching questions about the Hoffa board's duties. He told Hoffa to have the answers in to him by Thursday.

O'DONOGHUE'S blast cited Hoffa's failure to consult the monitors about picking the new commission, leaving the monitors to read about it in the newspapers.

The seven questions are:  
• What types of conduct by union officials will fall within the jurisdiction of the commission?

• Is it proposed to set a fixed term for the commission or may it be terminated at the discretion of the union?

• Is it proposed that the commission will conduct hearings?

• How, if at all, will the commission fit in to the existing system of processing complaints and appeals?

• Will the commission's recommendations be made public?

• To what extent does the union propose to bind itself to abide by the commission's recommendations?

• How large a staff, and budget will the commission have?

THE MONITORS also requested Hoffa to furnish correspondence with respect to establishment of the commission, which includes former Wayne Circuit Judge Ira W. Jayne.

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## Monitors To Bar Hoffa's Probe Unit 2 of 3 See a Move To Evade Them

By Robert A. Badelm

Herald Tribune Special

A majority of the monitors appointed by the United States District Court over the Teamsters union will reject the creation by Teamsters president James R. Hoffa of an "anti-racketeering commission" of his own choosing to conduct a cleanup of the union.

The monitors will, if necessary, go to Judge F. Dickinson Letts, who appointed them, to insist that Mr. Hoffa's commission be dissolved.

The ground will be that Mr. Hoffa's move adds up to an attempt to evade the monitorship, which itself was appointed by the court to assure that the union is democratically operated by acceptable union officials.

Marvin F. O'Donoghue, chairman of the three-man board of monitors, issued a statement from Washington yesterday declaring that Mr. Hoffa's creation of the commission "has serious implications." He emphasized that Mr. Hoffa did not consult with the monitors or, as far as is known, with Judge Letts, before taking the step. Mr. O'Donoghue said he would "get all the facts" concerning the new commission and its powers.

While Mr. O'Donoghue declined further comment, it was understood that he was outraged at what he regarded as Mr. Hoffa's brazenness. Past instances of Mr. Hoffa's disregarding the monitors—and coming on promises to them as well—have brought him and the monitors to several points.

First on File

Although Mr. O'Donoghue declined any public indication of what the monitors will do, it was understood that the majority feels strongly that the creation of the commission is an attempt by Mr. Hoffa to short-circuit them and that the commission is not permissible under the terms of Judge Letts' court order which established the monitorship last winter and to which Mr. Hoffa assented.

The consent order served as an out-of-court settlement to a suit brought by rank-and-file Teamsters who complained that Mr. Hoffa's election as the union president last fall was

illegal under the Teamster constitution.

It was understood that Mr. O'Donoghue plans to get all information possible concerning Mr. Hoffa's commission, including details of its origin and organization, so that he will be on the firmest possible ground in dealing with it should the data confirm the conviction that it is an attempt to evade the monitorship.

It was reported that chances the commission will be acceptable to the majority of the monitors are nil, and that they are sure to seek its elimination.

The monitors, besides Mr. O'Donoghue, include Godfrey P. Schmidt, who represented the anti-Hoffa rank-and-filers in their suit against Mr. Hoffa and who, with Mr. O'Donoghue, is regarded as a "majority" monitor. The third monitor is L. N. D. Wells Jr., of Dallas, who was Mr. Hoffa's choice and who has frequently been a dissenter from the rulings of the other two. Mr. Wells, who was in Los Angeles yesterday, confirmed "the facts" in Mr. O'Donoghue's statement but declined other comment.

Charges Due to Be Filed

It was understood that rank-and-file charges calling for Mr. Hoffa's removal from the Teamsters' presidency as well as membership in the union are due to be lodged with the monitors at the end of this week or early next. The monitors themselves have already called for Mr. Hoffa to remove several Teamster officials, including

Teamsters vice-president and one of Mr. Hoffa's closest friends.

It was reported that one reason for Mr. Hoffa's creation of the commission was for it to judge charges of corruption against Teamster officials rather than let them be judged under a procedure established by the monitors.

O'Donoghue Statement

Mr. O'Donoghue's statement yesterday said:

"I have read in the newspapers the appointment by Mr. Hoffa of an anti-racketeering commission. Mr. Hoffa or his attorneys did not consult with or notify the board of monitors in regard to the creation and appointment of this commission, nor as far as the board of monitors knows, did Mr. Hoffa or his attorneys consult with or notify Judge Letts. The creation of this commission has serious implications and until I get all the facts concerning their powers and duties I have no comment."

Sen. John L. McClellan, chairman of the Senate labor-rackets committee, who received a letter from Mr. Hoffa making known creation of the commission, expressed skepticism about it. He asked, when the news was made known on Saturday, whether the commission would act against Mr. Hoffa himself.

Members of the commission named by Mr. Hoffa are former Sen. George H. Bender, R., Ohio; F. Joseph Donohue, former president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia; and Ira W. Jayne, retired chief judge of the Michigan Circuit Court and a law professor at Wayne University, Detroit.

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## Monitors Want Data on Rival Hoffa Panel

By LEE M. COOK

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A spokesman for the monitors will make a thorough inquiry before deciding on strategy, the spokesman said.

The published report, presumably emanated from Godfrey Schmidt of New York, who represents Teamsters on the three-man board of monitors since the board was appointed last February by Federal District Judge F. Donovan Latta. Mr. Schmidt has consistently taken the toughest stand against Hoffa.

Martin P. O'Donoghue, chairman of the monitors, is out of town on business. He issued a statement through his office here that establishment of the new commission "has criminal implications and until I get all the facts concerning its powers and duties, I have no comment."

No Comment From Wells  
The third monitor, L. N. D. Wells, Jr., of Hudson has not been heard from on the Hoffa commission. He represents the Hoffa regime on the board of monitors.

Mr. Bender, back in Washington after a week end in Ohio, said Hoffa committed himself to follow the new commission's recommendations. If Hoffa balks, Mr. Bender said in an

interview, "I will react immediately."

Asked what he would do if the commission decides after investigation that Hoffa should be ousted out of the Teamsters, Mr. Bender declined to "discuss personalities."

Hoffa's offer of a "free hand" is evidence of the Teamster president's sincerity, Mr. Bender said, adding that "Hoffa appreciates that he has to take the bull by the horns and actually do a house-cleaning job."

Formerly No Conflict

Mr. Bender said he foresees no conflict with the board of monitors, since the monitors' functions are limited under the court order. The new commission's value, he added, is that it will conduct "a cleanup from within."

He plans to confer with the monitors.

The former Senator said he expects to hold an organizational meeting this week with the other two members of the commission, and will "get the best staff we can get" to investigate charges against the Teamsters.

"I know a hoodlum when I see one," he remarked, adding

that he has the "courage" to be firm.

Thoroughness Pledged

Pledging a thorough investigation, Mr. Bender said he does not want to be "slandered up" in a way that could hurt him if he ever runs for public office again.

Mr. Bender said he had no knowledge of any campaign contributions to him by the Teamsters. He speculated that Hoffa chose him for the commission because of his experience in Congress, including his participation in investigations.

Several conferences with Hoffa and with Edward Bennett Williams, the Teamsters' lawyer, preceded the appointment, Mr. Bender reported.

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## A Needless Committee

FROM his consequent lack of a summary before the Senate Rackets Committee and from his reluctance, almost disdain, to comply with the cleanup demands of the monitoring committee named by a Federal district court to watch over the activities of his Teamsters Union, one would get the impression that James R. Hoffa hasn't much use for those attempting to clean up his organization.

But there is one type of committee for this job that Mr. Hoffa would go for. That's a committee he himself can appoint.

He has therefore appointed a committee of three "to guide us and assure the membership of our union a strong, honest leadership, while at the same time preserving fairness and due process for each individual so charged."

As to members "so charged," he evidently is referring to Senate Rackets Committee accusations that he has associated with gangsters and hoodlums and installed many of them in positions of importance and power in the Teamsters Union.

BUT, as to that charge, Mr. Hoffa reserves for himself the right to be the judge. He said, in his letter to Chairman McClellan of the Rackets Committee, announcing his self-appointed policing commission, "I wish to make clear that I do not consider the mere existence of a record of past convictions as automatic grounds for denouncing an individual."

So Mr. Hoffa will have his own commission or committee do the investigating and "we shall be guided by the study and recommendations of that group. And he says he expects his handpicked commission will "make impartial investigations of all charges made" which seems to be the Hoffa way of saving the Rackets Committee and the Federal court-appointed monitors haven't been fair to Mr. Hoffa.

Said Chairman McClellan, in announcing that his committee will continue its investigations of Mr. Hoffa and his handling of these Teamsters "Is this an attempt by Hoffa to erect some kind of a lightning rod for his own protection?"

MOST unbiased observers will be inclined to think it is. Most of them will want to know what such a commission can accomplish with the findings of the Senate Committee already a matter of public knowledge and the demand of the monitors for cleanup action likewise on the record.

If Mr. Hoffa wants "three outstanding citizens" to "guide us and assure the membership of our union a strong, honest leadership," we would suggest he already has them in the Federal court monitors.

If Mr. Hoffa thinks the Senate Committee is being "unfair" to him, he has his opportunity, before the committee, to prove that point. He doesn't need a committee of his own choice to back him up.

# JAYNE RETURNS

## Teamster Cleanup Termed Big Task

By GEORGE BECK  
District Court Judge Ira W. Jayne came home from vacation today to face one of the biggest jobs of his life — helping to clean up the Teamsters Union.  
After a lunch across his farm near Yonon, the no-jurist sat down in the living room of his white frame home and talked soberly about his responsibilities as a member of the three-man commission appointed by Teamster President James R. Hoffa to investigate gangster influence in the huge union.  
"I'm familiar with newspaper reports about testimony given before the Senate committee," he said. "We've got a big job. Those boys need help."

### INTEREST CITED

"Everybody knows of my interest in the labor movement," he said. "And I have great interest in the sudden and large growth of wealth and pension funds."

"It is natural in such a development that great amounts of power and money can come into the hands of men little experienced in using it. It is no wonder to me that they make mistakes—some of them tragic."

"If they want to do the right thing in the right way, I am willing to go along with them."

### CALLED BY HOFFA

Jayne said he learned about his appointment to the commission Tuesday, when Hoffa called to ask if he would be available for the job.

"I told him that if he meant business about straightening out the union's affairs I'd take it," he said. Hoffa gave him that assurance, he added.

Jayne said he knows the other members of the commission only by reputation: George M. Gendur, former Ohio senator, and F. Joseph Donohue, former president of the board of commissioners of the District of Columbia.

### NO TALK OF PAY

About the commission's duties, its meeting time and place and other details of its operation he knows little. He expects a telephone call from union officials this week informing him of the time and place for the first meeting.

Jayne said Hoffa made no mention of reimbursement for the commission job, or of a budget for commission investigators.

The 76-year-old ex-jurist also commented on reports of his substitution with the United Square Agency Inc., an insurance firm at 2394 East Grand boulevard, partly owned by George A. Fitzgerald, Hoffa's attorney.

"The firm was having difficulties," Jayne said. "I was called last November and asked if I would become chairman of the board. I took the position and I think things are operating properly now."

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## Won't Be "Whitewash" Says Bender of Probe

CLEVELAND, Aug. 23.—George H. Bender flew in Washington today to begin his new assignment as \$250-a-day chairman of a Teamsters' Union 'anti-racketeering commission.'

Leaving Cleveland Hopkins Airport, the former Ohio senator declared that he "won't rule out the possibility" that his commission might make a recommendation against James Hoffa, Teamsters international president.

It was Hoffa who hired Bender for the union-sponsored probe of charges that his own ranks were riddled with racketeers.

IN WASHINGTON, the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee ignored establishment of the new "purity commission," and went ahead with plans for a hearing tomorrow that will spotlight charges that Hoffa has done nothing to eliminate racketeer elements from the huge union.

The committee headed by Sen. John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) summoned Harold J. Gihhona of St. Louis, one of Hoffa's top lieutenants, to testify.

Bender declared there were "no strings attached" to his appointment.

"IF I FEEL that Hoffa is using me to try to take the heat off himself," Bender said, "I'll resign immediately."

But, he added, he believes that "Hoffa is sincere, and wants a cleanup."

"There will be no whitewashing of any individual," Bender asserted.

HE SAID he and the other two commission members, F. Joseph Donohue, Washington attorney, and Ira W. Jayne, professor of law at Detroit's Wayne University, would meet this week and begin hiring investigators. The commission will make recommendations to Hoffa and other Teamsters' Union officers, but will have no authority to enforce its suggestions.

Bender said he accepted chairmanship of the group "as a public service" before the \$250-a-day figure was mentioned.

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#### Hoffa's Own Committee

The country will look with skepticism on the appointment of a three-man commission, headed by former U.S. Sen. George H. Bender, of Cleveland, to "clean up" the scandal-ridden teamsters union.

The appointment was made by James R. Hoffa, president of the union, and this in itself should indicate the ineffectiveness of such a commission. Senator McClellan observed: "The test of the good faith and power of this Hoffa-appointed commission is, can and will it move against Hoffa himself? This is not likely."

Mr. Bender is either badly in need of money (he'll get \$250 a day for each day he works) or his usual publicity-seeking complex is working overtime again. His judgment in accepting such an appointment is open to question.



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## Hoffa's Purity Board Facing Court Test

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Washington, Aug. 25—A possible court test of the anti-racketeering commission named by James E. Hoffa to investigate

the Teamsters union loomed today.  
Martin P. O'Donoghue, chief of the three-member board named by Federal Judge Lettis, said that Hoffa had not consulted the monitors or Judge Lettis as far as he knew.

O'Donoghue said the board created when Hoffa was named "implicated" him. He implied he would take up the question with Judge Lettis.

But the commission chairman, former Sen. Bennett (R-Ill.), said he had consulted Judge Lettis and he had "encouraged me very strongly to undertake the work."

Other members of the commission announced Saturday by Hoffa are P. Joseph Donohue,

former District of Columbia Commissioner, and Ira W. Sayne, a former Michigan Circuit Court judge.  
Serving with O'Donoghue as monitors are Goldie P. Schmidt, New York lawyer for 18 rank and file Teamsters members who tried to oust Hoffa, and L. N. D. Wells, Jr. of Dallas, generally regarded as friendly to Hoffa.

The monitors were appointed by Judge Lettis in a compromise settlement of the tender suit. Bender and the other commissioners will receive \$500 a day from the union for each day's work. Edward Bennett Williams, Hoffa's attorney, said he anticipated the inquiry would take two years.

Bender was asked if he thought Hoffa was sincere in wanting the commission to clean up the union. "If I didn't think so, I wouldn't accept the chairmanship of his commission," he replied.

Asked whether Hoffa would be included in the investigation, Bender said: "We didn't elect Hoffa. He was elected by the union member."

San. McClellan (D-Ark.), chairman of the Senate racketeering committee which has been questioning Hoffa, said: "They are the tool of the good folk and power of this Hoffa-appointed commission for God and will move against Mr. Hoffa himself."

'I'M NOT FOR SALE'

# Bender Promises Full Hoffa Probe

BY CHARLES C. WEBER

Free Press Special Writer

"There'll be no Teamster whitewash." The statement came from George M. Bender, chairman of a new three-member "anti-racketeering commission" appointed by the union.

Speaking from his 14-acre estate in Chicago, Ill., the influential Republican senator declared:

"I want the public to judge the commission on the basis of what it does when it gets into operation."

The building, Thomas already have begun to hold. But neither they nor the public should try to pre-judge us. Give the commission a chance to show its intent and what it can do.

"WE'RE GOING to call the shots as we see them. I am absolutely certain that whatever recommendations we make to the international union will be followed."

"I'm not for sale, to the Teamsters or anybody else. We are going to do the best job we know how."

Formation of the new commission was announced in Washington, Saturday, by Teamster President James R. Hoffa.

Other members are Ira J. Jayne, retired Wayne County Circuit Court judge, and F. Joseph Donohue, one-time special prosecutor for the Justice Department.

Bender said he had met Hoffa only once in 1954 "to shake hands at a banquet" before serious talks were held last week by Hoffa and union attorneys on setting up the commission.

HIS COLLEAGUES are somewhat more familiar with the tough Teamster boss.

Hoffa and 14 other Detroit Teamsters were put on probation and assessed court costs in 1948 after they pleaded guilty before Judge Jayne to a reduced charge of trying to force persons to join a union.

The judge, 76, retired 18 months ago after serving 37 years on the bench.

Since then he reportedly has become affiliated with the law office of George Fitzgerald, Teamster attorney who has represented union officers before the Senate Rackets Committee.

Jayne also is reported to be an officer of the Union Square Agency, an insurance firm dealing in union welfare and pension funds.

DONOHUE, 58 now is a Washington lawyer who has appeared several times before the Rackets Committee as counsel for Teamster officials.

Donohue, of Lynn, Mass., is a big, balding Irishman known by his associates as "Jiggs" because of a great liking for corned beef and cabbage.

As an assistant attorney general he handled prosecution of Harry Bridges, left-wing labor leader, who was found guilty of perjury.

He served on the District of Columbia Commission from 1951 to 1953 and resigned when the Eisenhower Administration took office.

He was national campaign manager for Senator Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.) when the latter was seeking the 1956 Democratic presidential nomination.

Neither Donohue nor Jayne was available Sunday for comment.

CHAIRMAN of the court-appointed Teamster union boss, Martin O'Donoghue, said in Washington that Hoffa apparently created his anti-racketeering commission without consulting the monitors.

Neither, O'Donoghue said, "as far as I know," did the Teamsters consult or notify Federal Judge F. Dickerson Letts, who appointed the monitors.

But Bender said Judge Letts knew in advance of the commission and accepted Bender's appointment to it with enthusiastic approval.

Judge Letts has called a meeting of the commission

and monitors in Washington early next month.

Bender said creation of the commission would answer the senators' persistent question: "What have you (Hoffa) done to clean up your union?"

BENDER decried emphatically that the commission's sphere of activities would duplicate as interferences in any way with the monitors' duties.

Judge Letts also underlined that Bender added, "The judge told me the commission appointed by the Teamsters could do the job that needed to be done."

Bender said he had six meetings with Hoffa and the Teamsters attorneys before accepting the appointment.

The Teamsters agreed to give us free hand in hiring a staff of experts and to act swiftly and decisively on our recommendations," Bender said.

Bender said he decided to accept the job after three conferences last week in Washington with Hoffa and

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George H. Bender

Edward Bennett Williams, Teamster general counsel.

Bender said his group will work closely with the monitors, the Senate Rackets Committee and any other responsible agency to ferret out alleged racketeering and gangsterism.

THE EX-SENATOR also said that:

1--He hopes his commission will be able to hold its first meeting this week.

2--The commission is authorized to hire its own staff of investigators. An ex-FBI man is the top candidate to head the staff.

3--The commission members will be paid \$250 each by the Teamsters for each day they meet.

Bender said he doesn't know Judge Jayne "but I checked him in Who's Who and he has an excellent record and reputation."

"I HAVE known Donohue for some years," Bender added. "He's a Democrat and I don't agree with him at all on that. But I respect him very much. He's an outstanding attorney."

Bender said he takes his work seriously but "I always try to retain a sense of humor."

"It should be quite a commission," he said. "I understand Jayne is a 33rd-degree Mason. Donohue is a prominent Catholic. I'm an elder in the Presbyterian Church."

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### Pitiful

Mr. Hoffa of the Teamsters Union is perhaps entitled to some credit in setting up a three-man tribunal (a former U.S. Senator, a former Michigan judge, and a former head of the District of Columbia Board of Commissioners) to decide if there are any gangsters in the union's official family and, if so, whether their sins are so unforgivable as to call for their discharge.

But it is a sad commentary on the law to which one of the nation's largest and most powerful labor organizations has fallen that it cannot decide by itself and for itself whether it is run by crooks.

And this commentary does not exclude Mr. Hoffa, whose own conduct has been as reprehensible in so many ways that nothing he says or does lacks the suspicion of being tainted.



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#### HOFFA'S COMMITTEE

Whether James E. Hoffa is sincere in his desire to rid the Teamsters union of unscrupulous and criminal officials remains to be seen. Only action by the head of the giant union upon the recommendation of his self-appointed three man anti-racketeering commission will tell. There is a possibility, and a good one at that, that Hoffa's announcement of his plan to eliminate any gangster domination of the union is merely a smoke screen, one designed to halt the revealing investigations made by the Senate racket committee.

The union chief declared in an official statement that he intended to meet squarely the charges of corruption made by Senator John L. McClellan, that fiery Democrat of Arkansas, whose committee came up with startling revelation of criminal influence among the officials identified with the Teamsters. This committee turned up extensive information about the criminal records of Teamster officials, their misuse of funds from the union treasury at the expense of its unsuspecting members, and other acts of misconduct in office.

But Hoffa still comes to the defense of the personnel occupying high posts in the Teamsters, despite the strong evidence unearthed by the committee. Hoffa said that he wished to make it clear that he did not consider the mere existence of a record of past convictions for a wide assortment of crimes as automatic grounds for denunciation of any individual.

Hoffa has selected a committee of respected persons, consisting of Chairman George H. Bander, senator of Ohio; F. Joseph Donohue, a former prosecutor for the justice department; and Ira W. Jayne, retired chief judge of the circuit court of Michigan. The committee will not be empowered to take any direct action. It will only have the power to make recommendations. Hoffa said that the Teamsters will be guided by the study and recommendations and will take what he declares steps consistent with the union's constitution.

Hoffa apparently does not believe all that has been revealed against the Teamsters officials. He wants the commission to study such charges, he says, including infiltration of racketeers or gangsters into local and international union office, and any alliance with racketeers or gangsters at any level.

Senator Carl F. Curtis, member of the Senate racket committee, is not impressed with Hoffa's appointment of a three-man group that will be totally lacking in any authority. He maintains that Hoffa and his gang will still do the lifting or carrying of these characters in positions to spend the workers' money.

Hoffa apparently is frightened over the legislation developments that may result eventually from the Senate hearings and is preparing to avert such action. But Congress must realize that whatever move Hoffa makes will be only a temporary one, designed to prevent restrictive laws. Legislation is a necessity to hold the unscrupulous leaders in check in the future. The need for laws to curb the power of these bosses is still as great. Hoffa's questionable desire for a clean-up, notwithstanding.

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## Hoffa Proves His Sincerity

Teamsters' Boss Jimmy Hoffa has appointed a three-member "anti-racketeering commission" to investigate charges of gangster domination of the union. Hoffa head this commission. Hoffa picked, of all people, former Sen. George H. Bender.

Bender said he accepted only after being assured "a free hand," and added, "I don't serve on this committee because I believe that the community at large demands some action of this type to prove the union's sincerity in cleaning up its house."

We don't doubt that the "community at large" demands that the McClellan Committee continue to turn up the high-living things in Hoffa's union... and that the court-appointed members keep on overseeing Jimmy's administration. But if there is any popular demand for a Hoffa appointed panel to

prove Hoffa's sincerity, we haven't noticed it.

That Bender should accept such an assignment borders on the unbelievable. In the first place, Bender has had experience as a prober of Teamster corruption — experience which should have told him he was not cut out for this kind of work.

In 1954, when Bender was running for the Senate, he headed a House subcommittee which attracted a lot of publicity — especially in the two months immediately preceding the election — but accomplished absolutely nothing. Bender was quoted as saying some pretty rough things about Hoffa and other notorious characters in the Teamsters' union, but when the election was over and he moved up to the Senate, the Cleveland crusader seemed to lose his zeal.

Bender's acceptance of Hoffa's offer is odd for another reason.

In 1956, when Bender was campaigning to hold his Senate seat against challenger Frank Lausche, Hoffa's allies in Ohio went all-out to select the man who two years before had seemed to be their enemy. The last few days before the election you couldn't listen to the radio 15 minutes without hearing a Teamster testimonial to Bender. Bender lost, but not for lack of Hoffa support.

In view of this, we should have thought Bender would have hesitated to put himself in a position where he had an opportunity to repay a Hoffa favor.

George will call 'em as he sees 'em, we're sure, but just the same, the umpire should never be beholden.

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## "Cleaning Up" at \$250 a Day

If Teamster Boss Jimmy Hoffa really wanted to clean up his racket-ridden union, he could do it himself.

He wouldn't need a "clean-up committee" of the sort George Bender has been called upon to head.

So it's pretty obvious that the appointment of this committee is a frantic effort to change the subject, and to try to bring a tone of respectability into a situation which just can't be pretended to be anything but a racket.

Bender's willingness to go along is right in character for him, too.

The "clean up," or "whitewash," or whatever, promises plenty of headlines.

It also promises plenty of money (reportedly \$250 a day).

Bender loves headlines, and he loves money. He'll play this job for all it's worth, both ways.

If this "committee" has any integrity at all, it can begin the job of cleaning up the Teamsters without even holding a meeting.

Its members, first off, can simply demand the resignation of Hoffa himself, whose arrogance before the McClellan committee has been disgusting.

Then it can move on to the removal of the whole mob of Teamster "bigshots" who paraded before the McClellan group.

Man like Barney Baker, the 281-pound Lothario and "labor leader."

By his own admission, Baker is a name dropper and a braggart.

Tragedy has touched him, too, removing a couple of friends, name of Cocheys Dunn and Squint Sheridas who, in Baker's own words, met their maker "I believe through association."

Baker does, however, have other friends who are very much alive.

Some of these, according to William J. Keating, once counsel for the New York Crime Commission, are among the nation's leading hoodlums.

Yet he is one of Hoffa's lieutenants, a real big man in a real big union.

The McClellan committee has let the likes of Baker rattle away, or sneak behind the Fifth Amendment, just about as they please.

The Bender "clean-up" committee can, if it has any courage, demand that these rascals be booted as far out of the union that they won't even dare ride on rubber tires again.

But is there really any chance this will happen, considering the "inside" origins of this "clean-up" committee?

Another rich vein of source material for Bender would be the records of his own labor investigating committee, which he headed when he was in Congress.

That committee, it will be recalled, brought to light some damaging facts about a couple of Cleveland Teamster bigshots — Bill Fraser and Babe Triscaro.

They're still in power here. Does Bender plan a new look at their records, too?





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## Hoffa Sets Up 3-Man Panel to Investigate Charges of Corruption

Group Will Study Accusations Against Teamster Aides; Move Called Delaying Tactic

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter  
WASHINGTON—Teamster President James R. Hoffa set up a panel of advisers to see if some of the union's often holders are corrupt and should be weeded out.

I intend to meet squarely charges of corruption," Mr. Hoffa announced as he named the three-man panel with George H. Runkles, former Ohio Republican Senator, as its chairman. The group, he said, will investigate charges of corruption against individuals and their offices. There was no firm commitment, however, to abide by the suggestions.

Labor observers here viewed the move primarily as one to gain time until Mr. Hoffa can probably be held on the union presidency. Hoffa probably faces another election within the next year, once the newly appointed monitors are in place. The Teamsters feel the union is ready.

Familiar with the big Teamster union's affairs are convinced that a key factor in its election last year as union president was support from local union officers including many charged with corrupt acts by its members. These observers feel that he should start a cleanup movement of some kind until after he is elected president again. "I have been clamoring for action on alleged acts of racketeering they have committed," said one of the appointed monitors already has started to move against union officers charged with misconduct.

There is already a record of Teamster wrongdoing, brought out by the Special Senate investigating committee, these observers noted. And, they add, the union's constitution already gives Mr. Hoffa the power to file charges and try persons accused of misconduct, possibly leading to their expulsion.

The Senators, Mr. Hoffa said, have made accusations that raised "doubts in some minds about the question of alleged racketeers and gangsters." To "take these doubts," he set up the commission. A union attorney said it might take the officers a couple of years to complete their work. The attorney declared the union will give a "completely free hand" to the three commission members—Mr. Runkles, former District of Columbia Commissioner, F. Joseph McGeehan and former Michigan County Judge Ira W. Jayne.

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"Will It Act Against Hoffa?"  
Chairman McClellan (D., Ark.) of the Senate panel implied he had some doubts. "The test of the good faith and power of this Hoffa-appointed commission is: Can and will it move against Mr. Hoffa himself?"

Another object of Mr. Hoffa's act in creating the new commission, some observers argued, is a means of offsetting the reports—and perhaps implying criticism of the methods—of the court-appointed union monitors. In the past two weeks, the monitors have given the union orders to suspend four union officers while charges of misconduct raised in Senate testimony were studied. Monitor L. N. D. Wells, who dissented from these orders, claimed they were based only on the testimony and argued the monitors hadn't made their own investigation of the charges before ordering suspension.

Mr. Hoffa said the new commission would make "impartial investigations of all charges made." By creating the commission and promising to follow up its findings, the union chief said, the Teamsters intend to demonstrate "that we are motivated by the highest principles of trade unionism."

No Open Break Yet

While the relationship of the union and its members has been stormy at times, no open break has yet resulted. There have been cases of union defiance of the monitors' orders, but these have not yet provoked a showdown. In fact, one case of defiance has now been closed. A monitor spokesman said the union has complied with an earlier order, particularly required, to give John J. McNamara a leave of absence from his post of president of Local 205 and secretary-treasurer of Local 808 in New York. Mr. McNamara was convicted of extortion, but is now free pending appeal.

Mr. Hoffa claimed the union has made "important progress" by following the monitors' orders.

The monitors have just moved to inaugurate a more far-reaching corrective measure than they have yet proposed. They handed the union a set of election rules designed to insure democracy in its local unions and keep hoodlums out of local offices.

The Board ordered Mr. Hoffa to issue the local nomination and election rules by Wednesday, and local unions got orders to adopt these, by September 15. The rules will be in effect until the monitors can draw up "model" by-laws for the locals.

In a recent report, the monitors said about half of the Teamster local operates with no local constitution or by-laws and asserted there is no uniform eligibility to vote. As a result, some members' voting rights were up to the whim of local officers. The union has also been criticized because persons convicted of crimes hold office in the locals.



#### No Uniform Voting Rules

The new rules provide, among other things, that persons convicted of felonies can't run for office, unless a year has elapsed after their right to vote in state elections has been restored. They also specify that no candidate can use union funds or facilities in his campaign, unless all candidates get the same privilege.

Any member in good standing can nominate a candidate, and every member in good standing has the right to vote. The rules also provide for quick review of cases involving contests of eligibility to run for office and eligibility of voters.

Along with the election rules, the monitors ordered the union to suspend two officers of Local 315 in Chattanooga, Tenn. The two—President Glenn W. Smith and Secretary-Treasurer H. L. Felling—invoked the fifth amendment in refusing to answer questions put by Senators about the alleged use of \$25,000 of local union funds to "fix" a criminal case involving officers and members of a Teamsters local.

Mr. Hoffa was directed to suspend the two officers immediately and to set up a hearing on the charges against them by September 10.

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## Bender Flies to Capital for Teamster Study

By ANTONY MAZZOLINI, Labor Editor  
George H. Bender flew to Washington today to begin his new assignment as \$250-a-day chairman of a Teamsters' Union "anti-racketeering commission."  
Leaving Cleveland Hopkins Airport, the former Ohio senator declared that he "won't rule out the possibility" that his commission might make a recommendation against James Hoffa, Teamsters international president, if the facts warrant it.  
It was Hoffa who hired Bender for the name-sponsored probe of charges that his own ranks are riddled with racketeers.  
In Washington, the Senate Rackets Committee ignored establishment of the new party commission. It next chose with picks for a hearing tomorrow that will spotlight charges that Hoffa has done nothing to eliminate racketeering from the huge union.  
The committee headed by Sen. John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) summoned Harold J. Jayne, law professor at DePaul University, to testify.  
Bender declared there were "no strings attached" to his appointment.  
"If I feel that Hoffa is using me to try to take the heat off himself," Bender said, "I'll resign immediately."  
But, he added, he believes that "Hoffa is sincere and wants a cleanup."

There will be no whitewashing of any members," Bender asserted.  
He said he and the other two commission members, F. Joseph Dunohue, Washington attorney, and Ira W. Trotter, law professor at DePaul's Wayne University, would meet this week and begin hiring investigators.  
The commission will make recommendations to Hoffa and other Teamsters' Union officers, but will have no authority to enforce its suggestions.  
Bender said he accepted chairmanship of the group as a "public service" before the \$250 daily compensation was set by Hoffa.  
Bender in 1954 was chairman of a House subcommittee that probed racketeering charges levied against Teamsters and other union leaders in Cleveland and other Ohio cities. William Presser, Ohio Teamsters chief, and Louis (Babe) Triacaro, another Hoffa lieutenant, were both indicted recently before the Bender subcommittee.

**WIN Over hundreds**  
Bender said he would resign if the commission's recommendations are not followed by Hoffa and his top aides. He said Hoffa has argued that union records and money will be made

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Union Boss Sets Up Own Group to Probe Own Union  
**Hoffa 'Commission' Meets Roadblock**  
James R. Hoffa's own "anti-racketeering commission" is running into opposition today. Mr. Hoffa recently set up the commission to conduct "a clean up" of his Teamsters Union.  
However, the three monitors appointed by U. S. District Judge P. Diehlman Letta to keep tabs on Teamster affairs, indicated they may defeat a re-election of Hoffa's branch.  
It was hinted that if necessary, the monitors will tell Judge Letta that the Hoffa commission be dissolved on grounds it is an attempt to evade the monitorship.  
Members of the Hoffa Commission are F. Joseph Donovan, former D. C. Commissioner, and George F. Bender, V.R. 1, and Ira W. Jayne, retired judge and now a law professor at Wayne University, Detroit.  
One monitor reportedly said that Hoffa apparently didn't consult Judge Letta before appointing his "commission" and certainly didn't consult the monitors.  
It is believed that a majority of the monitors think the Hoffa "commission" is permissible under Judge Letta's order and is an attempt to sabotage the monitors.  
The monitors are: Martin F. O'Donoghue, chairman of the three-man board; L. N. D. Wells Jr., of Dallas, a Hoffa choice for the monitors, and Godfrey F. Schmidt, approved by rank-and-file in the Teamsters Union who opposes Hoffa.  
Tomorrow, the Senate racket judges renew their hearings on link between Teamster leaders and racketeers.

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## Anti-Racket Unit Named by Hoffa

Commission of 3 to Weigh Charges Against Teamsters  
By CLARK MOLLNHOFF  
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WASHINGTON—James R. Hoffa, president of the International Teamsters, announced today the establishment of a Hoffa-controlled anti-racket commission to counteract the effect of the McClellan committee hearings.

Hoffa, president of the International Teamsters, has been under fire by both the McClellan labor racket committee and the federal court appointed board of monitors for the racketeer domination of his union.

THE THREE-MEMBER commission named by Hoffa included Chairman George Bender, a Republican politician, Jiggs Donohue, a prominent Democratic politician, and a member is Ira W. Jayne, a former circuit judge from Michigan. Hoffa's home territory.

Hoffa said that he will abide by the decision of this commission, established in his words, "to square charges of corruption." He revealed the new three-man commission in a letter to Chairman John L. McClellan (D. Ark.) of the senate labor racket committee.

HOFFA SAID nothing about compensation for commission members, but the Minneapolis Tribune learned that each member will receive \$250 a day for each day actually worked in the inquiry.

In his letter to McClellan, Hoffa wrote, "I wish to make it clear that I do not consider the mere existence of a record of past convictions as automatic grounds for denouncing an individual. But I expect that this commission shall make impartial investigations of all charges made, and on the basis of its recommendations, we shall take all steps consistent with the union's constitution."

"Our general executive board intends to demonstrate that we are motivated by the highest principles of unionism, and that we shall in the course of time achieve the highest standards of perfection at every level of our great international union."

McClellan, after receiving the letter, expressed skepticism about the value of the commission. "The test of the good faith and power of this Hoffa appointed commission is: can and will it move against Mr. Hoffa?"

Selection of Bender, a former senator from Ohio, as chairman of the commission took place within the last week.

It is known that Teamsters public relations man Edward Chaffitz has asked several individuals to take the job. The Teamsters have had difficulty getting anyone with any stature to accept a post on the board.

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Several respectable individuals have turned down the job flatly in the light of testimony of Hoffa's close association with many of the nation's leading gangsters.

"I wouldn't touch it with a 10-foot pole," one lawyer, approached for the job, told the Tribune last week.

FOR THREE weeks the McClellan committee has filled the record with stories of the underworld connections in the Teamsters union. Business agents and higher officers have included dope peddlers, liquor runners, burglars, extortionists, robbers and arsonists.

The whole story climaxed in the last few days with the dramatic example of Robert B. (Barney) Baker, a twice-convicted labor hoodlum who is operating as an organizer for Hoffa in the Middle West.

The court-appointed three-man board of monitors has shown that it intends to get tough. Chairman Martin O'Donohue and attorney Godfrey Schmidt hit Hoffa in a weak spot last week in demanding action against International Vice President Owen Ber Brennan, one of Hoffa's closest friends and a business associate.

HOFFA HAS been under fire from McClellan for total inactivity with regard to the criminal element in the Teamsters union. He had taken no action against such characters as Herman Kierdorf, twice-convicted armed robber, or Frank Kierdorf, also an armed robber, who were made officers of the Teamsters in the Detroit area.



MEMBERS OF NEW TEAMSTERS' COMMISSION  
From left: Jayne, Donohue and Bender



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## Bender Promises Thorough Probe

An elder in the Presbyterian Church, hired by Teamster Boss James R. Hoffa to investigate alleged infiltration in the huge union, said today he means business.

George H. Bender, chairman of a new three-member "anti-racketeering" commission named by Hoffa, promised a probe into charges of corruption and unfair labor activities.

The Republican ex-senator from Chagrin, O., said: "We're going to call the shots as we see them."

BENDER ASKED THE public and others not to criticize the commission until it "has a chance to show its intent and what it can do."

"I feel certain that whatever recommendations we make to the International Brotherhood will be followed," Bender said.

He hopes to call the commission to its first session this week.

IRA W. JAYNE, retired Wayne County circuit judge, and F. Joseph Donohue, Washington attorney and sometime special prosecutor for the justice department, are the other two members of the commission.

Hoffa, under fire by the Senate labor racket committee, announced the new commission last Sunday in a letter to Senator McClellan, (D) of Arkansas, committee chairman.

Bender said he decided to accept the post after three conferences last week with Hoffa.

"I WAS ASSURED there would be no strings attached to the assignment," Bender said.

He said the commission will work closely with Teamster monitors, committee investiga-



GEORGE BENDER

Means business

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tors and other agencies to ferret out alleged gangsterism. Bender said he has known Donohue for several years, but only knew of Jayne by reputation.

He said the commission is authorized to hire its own staff of investigators.

"We have an ex-FBI agent in mind to head this staff," Bender said.

THE COMMISSION members will be paid \$250 each by the union for each day they meet, Bender said.

"We intend to do the best job we know how," he said.

McClellan's committee, meanwhile, will resume its question and answer sessions tomorrow. Teamster Vice President Harold J. Gibbons of St. Louis will be their main target.

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## Teamsters Name Own Rackets Investigators

By MARSH CLARK

From The Globe-Democrat  
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The Teamsters Union today announced it is creating its own "anti-racketeering commission" to investigate charges of corruption within the union.

James H. Hoffa, union president, said the commission's recommendations will "guide" the union in anything it may do to clean up the alleged racketeering.

Members of the three-man commission, to be paid from union funds, will be:

George H. Bender, former United States Senator from Ohio and former chairman of an anti-racketeering House committee when he was a Congressman.

F. Joseph (Boss) DeLoach, former head of the District of Columbia Board of Commissioners and once a special prosecutor for the Justice Department.

W. W. Rorer, retired chief of the Michigan Circuit Court and

now a law professor at Wayne University, Detroit.

### "MEET CHARGES"

Mr. Hoffa declined his designation as the panel's "named" member charged with corruption, in a letter to Senator McClellan (D-Mo.).

Senator McClellan heads the Senate Rackets Committee which has taken vigorous action already about alleged wrappings, bags within the union and the reported utilization of known convicts and associates of gangsters.

Senator McClellan was openly skeptical of the new commission. "Well, what answer of maneuver is this?" he asked when reached for comment at the Senate.

### "LIGHTNING ROD"

"Is this an attempt by Mr. Hoffa to erect some kind of lightning rod for his own protection — an effort to insulate himself from the mounting heat that has been engendered by the sordid revelations of crime and corruption that pervade even the highest echelons of the Teamsters organization and for which he bears the major responsibility?"

The text, Mr. McClellan said, will be on whether the commission "can and will . . . move against Mr. Hoffa himself."

"The commission will not be deterred in its course of duty," he said.

"The investigations will continue."

In his letter, Mr. Hoffa said the "sanctity" of the group will "stand all the charges made by your committee."

"The union needs a person who will guide us and assure the soundness of our union strong, honest leadership, while at the same time protect the business and the process for each individual charged."

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### "IMPAIRED" INQUIRIES

At the same time, the embattled Mr. Hoffa emphasized that "I do not consider the mere existence of a record of past convictions as automatic grounds for denouncing an individual."

"I expect that this commission shall make impartial investigations of all charges made, and on the basis of its recommendations, we shall take all steps consistent with the Union's constitution."

Mr. Hoffa himself has recently been tried on charges of conspiring to bribe a staff member of the Rackets Committee and of conspiring to tap telephone lines at the union's Detroit headquarters. He was acquitted on both charges, but is now sitting through a series of Rackets Committee hearings critical of his conduct.

### FROM GIBBONS

The Teamsters Union ceased and today's announcement so important that the news release of it was carried to reporters at the National Press Club by a group headed by Harold J. Gibbons. Mr. Hoffa's executive assistant and head of the St. Louis Teamsters.

Mr. Gibbons is a prospective witness this week at the con-

ference which is the attention to operations of the big truck driver's union in the St. Louis area.

Newsmen were told that the three members of the commission who will have whatever staff is necessary for their work, will be paid out of union funds. Salaries have not been firmly determined.

Plans for creating the commission, it was said, have "been in the works for some time." Former Senator Bender and the other two members have indicated their acceptance, the union said.

# HOFFA PLEDGES CLEANUP

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## George Bender to Head Group

Teamster Council Replies  
to Demand by Senators

By ROBERT S. DALL

Of Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Teamster President James R. Hoffa today named retired Judge Ira W. Jayne as a commission of three to investigate gangster infiltration into the 1,500,000-member union.

Hoffa acted in direct response to charges by the Senate labor-management racket committee that he did not have the courage to clean up his own union after repeated challenges by a court-appointed board of monitors.

The Detroit Teamster boss announced that his general executive board had unanimously approved the establishment of an "anti-racketeering commission."

### OHIOAN CHAIRMAN

As chairman, Hoffa named former Senator George M. Bender, of Ohio, a Republican from Cleveland, who served as a member of the Senate committee before his defeat by Frank Lausche, Democrat, and a rival in the governor's

Hoffa noted in his announcement that Bender served for 14 years to the House of Representatives and "made a courageous and far-sighted record as chairman of the House anti-racketeering committee."

As the third member, Hoffa named F. Joseph Donohue, former president of the Board of Commissioners of the Bureau of Prisons and former special prosecutor for the Department of Justice.

### TEAMSTER COUNSEL

Donohue has appeared before the Senate committee on several occasions as counsel for Teamster officials.

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Hoffa made known his cleanup drive in a letter to Senator McClellan a day after the release of the Senate committee. He reminded McClellan that he had opened the survival series of hearings with a declaration that the interests of the committee involved the "direction and motivation of the leadership" of the Teamster Union.

### McCLELLAN QUOTED

The embattled Hoffa quoted McClellan as declaring on Aug. 22: "The Teamsters have both the capacity and the oppor-



unity to be a mighty driving and constructive force for the welfare of its members and for the betterment of America's economy.

"The power and ability of the International Teamsters Union to bring about a more equitable and dignified life for its members is a responsibility which we cannot shirk. We must work for the betterment of the social, political and economic life of our country."

"Obviously the direction of this international union will depend upon the integrity and motivation of that leadership."

#### HOFFA AGREES

In his statement today, Hoffa said he concurs in McClellan's statement and "I accept the responsibility placed on me."

The Teamster boss explained in his letter to McClellan that in the six months since he became president of the union, he has been absorbed in preparing for and attending a national trial in New York and Supreme hearings in Washington.

He noted that the union has consented to the establishment of the board of monitors, which has been chosen under a

Federal Court consent order which tasks of assisting the Teamsters to achieve trade union goals in four principal areas:

1. Membership rights and internal democracy.

2. Financial controls and procedures.

3. Removal of trusteeships.

4. Adherence of international union officials to a no-conflict-of-interest rule.

"Our union has cooperated with the Board of Monitors in these four areas and we have made excellent progress," Hoffa wrote McClellan.

Hoffa acknowledged that doubts had been raised in some

members about the question of alleged racketeering and gangsters holding positions as officers or business agents in the Teamsters Union.

"I intend to wipe these doubts," Hoffa told McClellan.

"I intend to meet squarely the charges of racketeering or corruption."

"When we demand an investigation of the union, we are clear that he does not consider the mere existence of a record, highest standards of perfection."

"We shall counsel and advise the on the direction of each individual named by your committee in relation to a criminal record."

Hoffa said the recommendations of the committee "shall guide us and assure the membership of our union a strong, honest leadership, while at the same time preserving fairness and due process for each individual charged."

Hoffa repeatedly has pleaded before the committee that he has not had time to clean house and that even with ample time he would be bound by the union's constitution which forbids an orderly procedure for charging and trying union officials accused of being racketeers and hoodlums.

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In setting out the area of jurisdiction assigned to the committee of three citizens, Hoffa said they would be charged with investigating and advising on the question of:

"Infiltration of racketeers or gangsters into local and international union offices."

"Any alliance with racketeers or gangsters at any level of the international or its subordinate bodies."

The Teamster boss made it of past convictions as automatic grounds for "denouncing on an individual."

He said the union will be guided by the recommendations of the anti-racketeering com-

mission and on the basis of these "will take all steps consistent with the union's constitution."

"Our general executive board hopes to demonstrate that we are motivated by the highest principles of trade unionism and that we shall, in the course of time, achieve the clear that he does not consider the mere existence of a record, highest standards of perfection."

"We are proud of our great international union," Hoffa wrote McClellan.

Hoffa's action today came swiftly after a new crackdown on racketeering was announced by the board of monitors, which is to be created by the union election practices which led to racketeering commission.

early this year to the result of the court-appointed supervisors.

#### SPEED NECESSARY

If a Teamster president has only until Monday to respond to a monitors' demand that he suspend O. M. B. (Bert) Brennan, a longtime Detroit associate and now a vice president of the union, on charges that he

pledged the Fifth Amendment when questioned by the McClellan committee on the names of union funds in behalf of a pseudophony and other business enterprises.

Hoffa has only until Wednesday to respond to a new demand by the monitors that he promulgate a sweeping series of local union election reforms, which go further than the Kennedy-lives labor bill which

House this week after passing the Senate, 88 to 1.

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# Hoffa Picks Notables To Clean Up Union

Washington, Aug. 23 (News Bureau). — Teamster Union chief James R. Hoffa surprised his critics today by announcing creation of an anti-racketeering commission of three outsiders "to meet squarely" the charges that his union is run by gangsters.

The labor leader, professing an eagerness to "allay the doubts" about his cleanup campaign, said he would be guided by whatever recommendations the commission makes on racket influence.

As a sign of sincerity, he named as commission chairman former Sen. George M. Bender (R-Ohio), who used to serve on the McClellan racketeering committee, Hoffa's main accuser. Hoffa described Bender as a "courageous" anti-racketeer.

Other members also assigned to the commission were F. Joseph Ison, former District of Columbia attorney and sometime Justice Department prosecutor, and Iro M. Jovan, retired chief judge of the Circuit Court of Michigan and a Wayne University (Detroit) professor of law.

Hoffa announced the commission's formation in a letter to Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), who has accused the union leader of failing to make any move to drive the racketeers out of the teamster leadership.

"Doubts have been raised in some minds about this question of alleged racketeers and gangsters," Hoffa said. "I intend to allay those doubts. I intend to meet squarely charges of corruption."

He said the commission's recommendations "shall guide us and secure the membership of our union a strong, honest leadership, while at the same time preserving fairness and due process for each individual charged with



James R. Hoffa  
"Perfection" is his aim

criminal activity. Specifically, he said, the group would investigate infiltration of racketeers or gangsters into local and international union offices and "any element with racketeers or gangsters at any level of the international union or its subordinate bodies."

Hoffa emphasized that he did not consider "the mere existence of a record of past convictions as automatic grounds for denouncing an individual."

He said he would be "guided" by the commission's advice but left a possible loophole by adding that any steps taken against gangsters would have to be "consistent with the union's constitution."

**Aims to Be the Best Ever**  
Hoffa asked the union's "cooperation" with court-appointed monitors as evidence of its eagerness to clean house, although the monitors themselves have reported considerable trouble in getting action on their recommendations.

Our general executive board intends to demonstrate," Hoffa said, "that we are motivated by the highest principles of trade unionism, and that we shall in the course of time achieve the highest standards of perfection in every part of our great international union."

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## Hoffa Appoints Group To Sift Truck Rackets

McClellan, Curtis Are Skeptical;  
Pledge Probe Continuance

By CECIL MOLLAND

Teamsters boss James R. Hoffa yesterday named a three-man "anti-racketeering commission" to help him investigate charges that his giant union is under the domination of gangsters.

His surprise move was disclosed in a letter to Senator McClellan, Democrat of Arkansas, whose special Senate Labor Rackets Commission has named many Teamster organizers and other officials, some of them close Hoffa associates, as racketeers and ex-convicts.

"Test of Good Faith" Senator McClellan greeted the action with a shrug. "Well, what manner of mansever is this?" and said:

"The test of the good faith and power of the Hoffa-appointed commission is, can and will it move against Mr. Hoffa himself?"

Named to the commission, which Hoffa said will accept all charges of the McClellan committee and make recommendations that "shall" guide the union's membership of our union a strong, honest leadership, were:

Former Republican Senator Bender of Ohio, who served on the Senate's Permanent Investigations Subcommittee, and once headed a House subcommittee on labor racketeering. He will be chairman.

F. Joseph Joseph-Donohue, Washington lawyer, and former president of the National Board of Commissioners.

Irving W. Jayne, retired judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court and professor of law at Wayne University, Detroit.

Each member of the commission, it was learned, will receive per diem pay of \$250 a day.

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himself from the scorching heat that has been engendered by the storm revelations of crime and corruption that permeate even the highest echelons of the "racketeering" organization, and for which he bears the major responsibility," asked Senator McClellan.

Probe To Continue

He emphasized that the committee's current investigation of the Teamsters and of Hoffa's activities will continue. "The committee," Senator McClellan added, "will not be deterred in its course of duty."

Senator Curtis, Republican of Nebraska, said Hoffa's letter indicated that the commission is "merely advisory."

"Hoffa and his gang," he added, "will still continue to do line fixing and firing."

Senator Kevin, Democrat of North Carolina, another committee member, pointed out that Hoffa put most of the Teamster men under fire where they are in the union, and remarked: "The commission might be good for the accused."

Hoffa, in his letter, said the committee's investigations have raised doubts "in some minds about the question of alleged racketeers and gangsters," and added:

"I intend to ally these doubts and intend to meet squarely charges of corruption."

Hoffa Sets Mission

He said the commission will be charged specifically with investigating and advising on (1) elimination of racketeers or gangsters from local and international union ranks; and (2) any situation with racketeers or gangsters at any level of the international union or its subordinate bodies.

He said the commission would "counsel and advise with me" on individual Teamsters accused of criminal connections.

"I want to make it clear that I do not consider the mere existence of a record of past convictions as automatic grounds for disqualification of an individual. But we shall be guided by the study and recommendations of the anti-racketeering commission."

Hoffa said that on the basis of the commission's recommendations "we shall take all steps consistent with the union's constitution." In testimony before the McClellan committee he has expressed a similar view that action against various individuals accused of gangster and criminal activities was being taken in accordance with the union's constitution.

His creation of the commission immediately raised questions in the minds of some Senators of whether it was a move to thwart not only the Senate committee but also the Board of monitors appointed by Federal court here to supervise Teamster activities.



GEORGE H. BLUNDER

F. JOSEPH DONOHUE

JUDGE IRA W. JAYNE

GEORGE H. BENDER  
F. JOSEPH DONOHUE  
JUDGE IRA W. JAYNE

**HOFFA-NAMED COMMISSION**—Teamsters' President James R. Hoffa yesterday named a three-member anti-racketeering commission to investigate charges the union is gangster-dominated. The members (from left to right) are ex-Senator George H. Bender of Ohio, former District Commissioner F. Joseph (Jiggs) Donohue and Ira W. Jayne, Wayne University law professor and former judge of the Wayne County (Detroit) Circuit Court.

Monitor News

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**Monitor Moves**  
The modified already have  
moved. Brennan, Quinn, (Bren-  
nan's brother), vice president of the  
local union, and a close  
friend and business associate of  
Brennan. The action was taken  
after Brennan invoked the Fifth  
amendment before the Senate  
subcommittee. Brennan refused to  
answer any questions about his  
business ventures with Hoffa  
in his earlier  
before the committee. Hoffa  
and he was not familiar with  
the details of a horse breed-  
ing venture with Brennan which  
he made him, according  
to income tax returns, three  
hundred of dollars since 1960.  
Brennan could answer the  
questions—but Brennan refused  
to talk.

Numerous other Teamate players have been named by the committee as having criminal records. These include: Hoffa (bro. of William); Robert "Burrhead" Adams; and Tommy Starnes, Teamate catcher, who was arrested before the McChesney strike was last week. Joe DiMaggio, Chicago Teamate, leader of the American League strike, and Alvin Karpis (Harry Campbell), leader of the Karpis gang, who has been described as a "professional gangster" as well as a "professional racketeer" as well as a racketeer, also are named. Others, and many



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## HOFFA FORMS COMMISSION FOR CLEAN-UP

Ex-Senator Bender, Of  
Ohio, Chosen Head Of  
3-Man Group

By JOHN VAN CAMP

(Washington Bureau of The Post)

Ex-Senator Bender, of Ohio, tonight announced the formation of a three-man anti-racketeering commission "to clean up" and advise with me on the destinies of the hoodlums now on the payroll of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

The chairman of the anti-racketeering squad will be George H. Bender, former Republican congressman and senator from Ohio.

Salary \$250 A Day

His associates will be F. Joseph Donohue, better known as "Big" Donohue, former president of the Board of Commissioners for the District of Columbia, and W. W. Jayne, retired chief judge of the Circuit Court of Michigan and now professor of law at Wayne University.

The members of the anti-racketeering squad will be paid \$250 a day while working, plus expenses.

Bender, a member of the House of Representatives for fourteen years, was elected to the Senate in 1954 to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator Taft.

According to testimony given this McClellan committee by Representative Hoffman (D., Ark.), he was briefly minority chairman of a House anti-racketeering investigating committee. "We could hold some hearings in Cleveland and get his name in the news."

Bender was defeated in 1955 when he ran for a full term against Senator Lausche (D., Ohio). Thereafter, he served for about a year as a special assistant to the Secretary of the Interior. His job was promoting tourism in the territories.

Guided By Monitors

Hoffa, in his letter to McClellan, said:

"I wish to make it clear that I do not consider the mere existence of a record of past convictions as automatically grounds for summarizing an individual."

"But we shall be guided by the study and recommendations of our anti-racketeering committee."

Administratively, this poses an enormous problem, for the teamsters already are being protected by a court-appointed board of monitors.

The monitors recently ordered Hoffa to get rid of his closest associate, Owen Bert Brennan, president of a Detroit local. Hoffa is growing older, and now a vice president of the overall organization.

While the anti-racketeering squad headed by Bender will act in an advisory capacity, it is believed that the orders of the board of monitors will, if necessary, be (Continued, Page 5, Column 3)

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Anti-Racketeering  
Commission

## HOFFA FORMS CLEAN-UP UNIT

Ex-Senator Bender Of Ohio  
Heads Three-Man Group

By JOHN VAN CAMP

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backed up with Federal Court orders.

Hoffa said the Bender commission will have to be charged with investigating and advising in two areas:

1. Identification of racketeers or gangsters into local and international union offices.

2. Any alliance with racketeers or gangsters at any level of the international union or its subordinate bodies.

The McClellan committee has shown a tie between teamster leaders and racketeers in a number of centers, including New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Indianapolis, Miami, Fla., Las Vegas, Nev., Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn.

Called Maneuver

Senator McClellan (D., Ark.), chairman of the Senate labor-management racketeering committee, was out in a hurry. He said the first test of Hoffa's anti-racketeering patrol would be whether it moved against Mr. Hoffa himself.

He called the Bender commission a "maneuver" and asked if it were "some kind of a lightening rod for his own protection," intended to protect Hoffa from "the scorching heat" of

the revelations now being made by the Senate committee.

Senator Ervin (D., N.C.) was equally unimpressed.

He said:

"When I was practicing law, none of my clients would have been cleared if it had been permitted to select the jurors to try the case. This procedure may be good for the accused, but it will do little to build up the trust of society."

It is understood a number of persons turned down invitations to be a member of the anti-racketeering squad, including a member of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Hoffa, in his letter to Senator McClellan, said he was sure the Senator would be glad to know that by one yardstick of trade unionism—wages, hours, working conditions and increase of membership—the teamsters human was doing fine. He then added:

"Doubts Raised"

"Your committee in its present approach has used another yardstick by which to measure the direction and motivation of our leadership: The extent to which persons with records of past convictions now hold positions as officers or business agents in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters."

The terms "racketeers and gangsters" have been used.

"This union has thousands of legal union officers and business agents. A number of names have been mentioned before this committee. Doubts have been raised in some minds about this question of alleged racketeers and gangsters."

"I intend to allay these doubts. I intend to meet squarely charges of corruption."

"I have consulted with our

general executive board and I have received unanimous approval of the following proposal:

"That the International Brotherhood of Teamsters establish an anti-racketeering commission composed of three outstanding citizens of this country, who shall research and advise with me on the question of each individual who is named by your committee in relation to criminal record."

"This commission will study all charges made by your committee. The commission's recommendations shall guide us and assure the membership of our union a strong, honest leadership, while at the same time preserving fairness and due process for each individual so charged."



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# Hoffa Chooses Bender to Head Union Cleanup

By EDWARD KERNAN

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 23—Former United States Sen. George H. Bender of Cleveland today was named chairman of a three-man commission to clean up the scandal-ridden Teamsters Union.

The announcement was made by James R. Hoffa, president of the potent International Brotherhood of Teamsters, in a letter to Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) chairman of the Senate racket committee.

Named to serve with Bender were F. Joseph Donahue of Washington, former president of the board of commissioners for the District of Columbia, and Ira W. Jayne of Detroit, retired chief judge of the Circuit Court of Michigan and professor of law at Wayne University.

Hoffa said the improper activities of his 1,500,000-member Teamsters Union have been under investigation by the McClellan committee.

Union officials said that all three members had agreed to serve. It was understood that they would be paid \$250 a day for time devoted to union work.



George Bender

## Demands 'Free Hand'

In accepting the chairmanship of what Hoffa called the anti-racketeering commission, Bender said:

"I agreed to serve only on the condition that I would have a free hand to act as I saw fit. This assurance was readily given."

"I shall serve on this commission because I believe that the community at large demands some action of this type to prove the union's sincerity in cleaning its house."

Bender served 14 years in the House of Representatives where, according to Hoffa's letter, he made a "conscientious and forthright record as chairman of the House anti-labor-racketeering committee."

While a member of the Senate for two years, Bender served on the McClellan permanent investigating committee. The Cleveland was defeated for re-election to the Senate by Frank J. Lausche in 1956.

## Kefauver Manager

Donahue has long been active in District of Columbia Democratic politics. In 1956, he was campaign manager for Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) in his unsuccessful bid to win the Democratic presidential nomination. Kefauver won the second spot on the ticket.

Judge Jayne is listed as a Republican in Who's Who in America.

In his letter to McClellan, Hoffa said that the new Bender commission would be specifically charged with investigating and advising the teamsters on the question of "infiltration of racketeers or gangsters into local and international union organizations."

free and any alliance with racketeers or gangsters at any level of the international union or its subordinate bodies."

Hoffa opened his letter by recalling that when the labor racket committee opened its hearings on Teamster activities, McClellan stated:

"The Teamsters have both the capacity and the opportunity to be a mighty, driving and constructive force for the welfare of its members and for the betterment of America's economy. If the power and ability of the international Teamsters should be properly directed and channelled, then it could become an immensely evil and destructive force in the social, political and economic life of our country. Obviously the direction of this international union will depend upon the integrity and motivation of that leadership."

#### Vows To Meet Charges

Hoffa said he concurred in that statement and accepted the responsibility inherent in it.

The union president also noted that doubts had been raised by the McClellan committee as to the question of "alleged racketeers and gangsters" in the Teamsters Union.

"I intend to allay these doubts," Hoffa wrote. "I intend to meet squarely the charges of corruption."

"I have consulted with our general executive board and have received unanimous approval . . . To establish an anti-racketeering commission composed of three outstanding citizens of this country who shall counsel and advise with me on the question of each individual who is named by your committee in relation to a criminal record."

"This commission will study all charges made by your committee. The commission's recommendations shall guide us and assure the membership of our union a strong, honest leadership while at the same time preserving fairness and due process for each individual so charged."

Hoffa declared that he wanted to "make it clear" that he did not consider the mere existence of a record of past conviction an automatic grounds for denouncing an individual.

"But," he added, "we shall be guided by the study and recommendations of our anti-racketeering commission."

"I expect that this commis-

sion shall make impartial investigations of all charges made and, on the basis of its recommendations, we shall take all steps consistent with the union's constitution."

"Our general executive board intends to demonstrate that we are motivated by the highest principles of trade unionism and that we shall in the course of time achieve the highest standards of perfection at every level of our great international union."

#### Senate Probers Are Skeptical of Move

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (AP)—Sen. McClellan expressed skepticism about the value of the Hoffa move.

He said: "The test of the good faith and power of the Hoffa-appointed commission is: Can and will it move against Mr. Hoffa himself?"

McClellan told reporters he was not sure he would send Hoffa a reply. He dictated this statement:

"Well, what manner of maneuver is this?"

"Is this an attempt by Mr. Hoffa to erect some kind of a lightning rod for his own protection—an effort to insulate himself from the scorching heat that has been engendered by the sordid revelations of crime and corruption that permeate even the highest echelons of the Teamsters organization and for which he bears the major responsibility? . . ."

The (rackets) committee will not be deterred in its course of duty. Its investigations will continue."

Hoffa is currently under subpoena to testify again before McClellan's committee.

Edward Bennett Williams, general counsel to the Teamsters Union, estimated it might take the three commissioners a couple of years to complete the job. He said it was contemplated they would hire a staff of former FBI agents to work with them and said, "They will have a completely free hand."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (UPI)—Other members of the rackets committee joined McClellan in taking a skeptical view.

Sen. Carl T. Curtis (R-Neb.) pointed out that the anti-racketeering commission was merely advisory and "will not lessen the need for legislation to curb the power of the bosses."

"Hoffa's gang will still do the firing—or retaining of these characters in positions to spend the workers' money," Curtis said.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N. C.) accused Hoffa of attempting to try his case before a packed jury.

"When I was practicing law, more of my clients would have been cleared if I had been permitted to select the jurors to try the cases," Ervin said. "This procedure may be good for the accused but it will do little to build public confidence or to benefit the rest of society."

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# Hoffa Sets Up His Own Probe Group

WASHINGTON, D. C. —

James R. Hoffa Saturday announced establishment of a

Hoffa-controlled anti-rackets committee to counteract the effect of senate committee hearings.

Hoffa, president of the International Teamsters Union, has been under fire by both the racketeers investigation committee and a court-appointed board of monitors.

Hoffa's three-member commission includes Chairman George Bender, former Republican senator from Ohio, Joseph P. Jiggs Donohue, a prominent Democratic politician, and Ira W. Jayne, a former circuit judge from Michigan, Hoffa's home territory.

It is known the Teamsters approached several individuals to take the chairmanship. The Teamsters had difficulty getting anyone with any stature to accept a post on the board.

Several individuals turned down the job flatly in the light of testimony of

Hoffa's close association with many of the nation's leading gangsters.

"I wouldn't touch it with a 10-foot pole," said one lawyer who was approached for the job.

For three weeks the McClellan committee has filled the record with the story of underworld connections in the Teamsters Union.

The board of monitors intends to get tough.

Chairman Martin O'Donoghue and attorney Godfrey



JAYNE DONOHUE

Schmidt hit Hoffa in a weak spot last week in demanding action against international Vice-President Owen Bart Sherman, one of Hoffa's closest friends.

Hoffa's new anti-racketeering commission is regarded here as a public relations gimmick. The members will receive \$250 for each day of actual work, plus expenses.

A Hoffa aide said it might take the commission a couple of years to complete the job. He said they would hire a staff of former FBI agents. Hoffa said he will abide by

the decisions of his commission.

## On Committee

Bender was a member of the senate racketeers committee before he was defeated in 1936 by a Democrat, Frank J. Lausche, then Ohio governor. For about a year, ending in May, Bender was a special assistant to the interior secretary, giving special attention to Alaska.

Bender said he agreed to serve "only on the condition that I would have a free hand to act as I saw fit. This assurance was readily given."

Donohue was the prosecuting attorney in the case in which left-wing labor leader Harry Bridges was found guilty of perjury. At that time, Donohue was an assistant to the attorney general.

Last June 28, Donohue was named head of a board to look into charges of Teamster corruption in Philadelphia, Penn.

## Represented Vaughan

In 1953, he was retained by Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, former military aide to President Harry S. Truman, to represent Vaughan at congressional hearings.

Racketeers Committee Chairman John L. McClellan (Dem., Ark.), expressed skepticism about the value of the move. "The test of the good faith and power of this Hoffa-appointed commission is: Can and will it move against Mr. Hoffa himself," McClellan said.

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## Odorous Situation

It's a rare sight if Republicans will hold any special prayer meeting to lift party values in loud hosannas over the announcement of George Bender that he may seek to regain his membership card in the U. S. Senate.

It isn't his political religion — the word month — George is among the GOP faithful — it's the new is which he sits. It didn't take astute Republicans long to discover that with Bender, the very word "new" can be a double entendre — not a few months in this hosed land, regardless of membership, hold their noses when they get close to him in connection with George.

Just as a malicious example, when Bender made his startling announcement, he was sitting in the same pew with James Hoffa, president of the Teamsters Union, a character in whose presence almost any self-respecting American is compelled to hold his nose.

Nevertheless, Bender's sensitivity — if he has any — wasn't offended at the close contact. In fact, he seemed to rejoice with holy fervor as he admitted he had been employed by Hoffa to do nothing but whitewash some of the filthiest scum in America. To be more explicit, Bender, the former Republican senator from Ohio, was hired to "clean up" the mess Hoffa, cleaning with Hoffa's soft soap.

Bender has been on the cleanup job since last August, boasting that Hoffa is all but committed to fire anyone whom the former senator might find unworthy, yet has found no one to fire from a union ridden with racketeers, grafters, ex-convicts and — the nation has good reason to suspect — killers.

In less than a year, the byrds singer from Ohio has drawn \$24,000 from the Teamsters, so he admitted, yet couldn't find a single unworthy racketeer to fire. When a few notorious Teamsters Union racketeers were named for him, George professed never to have heard of them. Obviously, he doesn't read the newspapers.

On the other hand, when a couple of Teamster shysters declared in sworn affidavits that they had paid union funds into Bender campaigns and even tried to swing union votes to the senator's support for an outright "whitewash" of a congressional probe of their activities, the good man was incensed. It was all a mess of "damnable lies," he shouted. It was then he divulged his intention of running again for the Senate, having lost his seat in the election of 1944. Such things — "lies," he called them — would do his hopes of candidacy no good.

Hymns singer? Oh, but notoriously so. George used to love his "Christmas pastimes" where he could lead in singing "The Old Ragged Cross" and "Jesus Loves Me." He tried to make them spirited affairs, with the spirits in glasses for reporters who covered such shindigs.

Now it may well be that the ebullient George was right when he used to sing "Jesus Wants Me for a Mindbeam," but it's doubtful. Certainly the Republicans don't. He just doesn't sit in the right pew in the church of the party faithful.

Pew? Yes, he said Jimmy Hoffa. Yes, absolutely and unquestionably —  
Pe-e-e-ew!

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## Matter of Fact

# Jim's Man—And George's

By JOSEPH ALSOP

WASHINGTON.

FIVE short years ago, in 1954, Representative George H. Bender of Ohio was chosen by the Ohio Republicans to run for the unexpired Senate term of the greatest Republican Senator of modern times.



Joseph Alsop

As Bender said himself at the time, he mainly owed his nomination to the other great satrap of Ohio Republicanism, Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey. He had served for years as chairman of the Cuyahoga County Republican organization, in which Humphrey was (and scores. Bender was in fact George Humphrey's man.

But George Bender had some interesting additional supporters in 1954, according to the record newly made by Senator McClellan's subcommittee on improper labor practices.

In the election year, the record shows, Bender was chairman of a House anti-jackpotting subcommittee. This body went into Ohio during the campaign to investigate, among others, William Fresser and Louis ("Babe") Triscaro. These men are Jimmy Hoffa's local bosses of the Teamsters Union. Early in October, Bender, Fresser and Triscaro were glaring at one another across the committee table. But just before election day, Fresser told an exclusive board meeting of the Ohio conference of teamsters that the union's support was to be switched to the grand inquisitor.

One of those present, who had been hard at work for Bender's Democratic opponent, has testified to his extreme surprise. None the less, by Fresser's command, the Ohio teamsters were quickly transformed into Bender voters. Shortly after election, Fresser and Triscaro went to Washington to make their final appearances before the Bender anti-jackpotting subcommittee. After that, Fresser happily boasted, in a public speech, that the hearings were "over" without any one being "cited for any contempt—no perjuries!"

In the same speech Fresser generously declared that "especially during the latter portion of the hearings" he had found "a friend" on the anti-jackpotting subcommittee. "His name," said Fresser, "was George Bender." Almost

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concurrently, Fresser's spokesman in Cincinnati asked the local teamsters' joint council for a donation, to help meet the expenses of the Fresser and Triscaro defense before the Bender subcommittee.

An anti-Fresser, anti-Hoffa teamsters' leader, the head of the local milk union, James Luken, thereupon objected that the lawyers for Fresser and Triscaro had already been paid out of union funds in the regular manner. To this the Fresser spokesman, George Starling, made a fascinating reply. As sworn to by Luken, Starling explained that "other money was spent to pull certain strings to see that these charges were dropped."

A little later still, some quite remarkable things began happening to the bank account of the finance committee of the Bender for Senator committee. This finance committee, headed by business men of the most gilt-edged type, filed an official report disclosing contributions of \$95,000. The record now shows that the real receipts were greater than those officially disclosed by no less than \$108,996.78. And at least \$30,000 of this delightful margin was accounted for by a series of large deposits, all in currency, that began to be made in December, 1954.

The Senatorial glory paid for in this manner did not last long. Poor Bender, beaten in the 1956 election, then found new employment as chairman of the special commission named by Jimmy Hoffa to whitewash the Teamsters Union. For this useful service, he has received \$58,000 to date.

Last week, his jaws wobbling with self-righteousness, this aging politician who used to be George Humphrey's man and is now Jimmy Hoffa's man made his extraordinary appearance before Senator McClellan's subcommittee. The other dicks are worth preserving. For example, he told of naming a prostitute as Republican precinct captain in a red light district. He then added genially, "You don't have to become a prostitute yourself, but you have to get their votes."

But the purpose of his appearance was not to give these little tips on politics, but to deny that the facts spread on the committee record had any meaning at all. He did not challenge the facts themselves. He just said it was "a damnable lie" that he had received a payoff from the teamsters.

Such is this strange story, which is worth bringing together in one place for two main reasons. First, one can imagine the kind of hullabaloo that would now be going on if a former henchman of a super-respectable Democrat — say, Adlai Stevenson — were revealed in the same posture as this respectable Republican. What is sauce for the Humphrey-Bender ought to be second, the story hints at one of the main ills of the Republican party, which is the peculiar taste in politicians of many very big, very important American business men.

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## The Teamster 'Policeman' Checks In From The Beat

Sometime last summer King James J. Hoffa and the man of his roundish build struck upon a brilliant idea.

They decided they'd hire a fellow at a fat fee and let him come into the Teamster domain and tell them if he smelled any corruption around the place.

Senator McClellan said there was corruption, but so the Teamster boss Senator McClellan is just a pious old reactionary.

Young Bob Kennedy said there was corruption, but Bob Kennedy is just an ambitious Ivy League jerk.

The AFL-CIO said there was corruption, but George Meany and Walter Reuther are probably jealous.

A hundred affidavits and a mountain of records said there was corruption, but what the heck does an affidavit prove?

Anyway, Hoffa and Company reached carefully out and came up with a corruption-sniffer named George H. Bender, the former Ohio senator.

The starting fee was \$250 a day.

Now Mr. Bender doesn't look much like a policeman. He doesn't talk much like a policeman. His record is anything but that of a policeman. And it is now painfully apparent that he just isn't much of a policeman.

The Senate Backers Committee had him on the stand the other day, and someone asked how much corruption he'd sniffed out.

He launched into a discourse on how efficiently the Teamster headquarters is run.

"It reminds me of a church office," he said.

And how so?

Well, he didn't see any signs of drinking around the place.

And nobody was gambling.

There was laughter at this point, and it was hardly surprising. It was a little like summing up Al Capone's career by saying that never in his life had he tripped an 80-year-old woman who was bumbling across the street.

Young Kennedy got down to specifics.

What, he inquired, had Mr. Bender found out about Sam Goldstein, a New York official of the union who is drawing \$375 a week in salary while serving a prison term? Oh yes, plus a \$25 expense allowance.

Mr. Bender hadn't heard of any such charge against any such man. But he did opine that any fellow who can work a deal like that must be a pretty good man.

The case of "Laughing Boy Bender" would be no more than a poor joke except for one simple fact. It illustrates the kind of clean-up that can be expected from James Hoffa and the tainted Teamsters. And since the parent AFL-CIO is all but powerless to deal with this man, and the problem he represents, it illustrates too the kind of clean-up that can be expected from labor itself.

The remaining answer is Congress. And George Bender is just one more sorry exhibit in the problem that Congress must face—and face this year.

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## No Idealistic Nonsense Curbs Hoffa

PERHAPS, after all, we ought to be grateful to Junior Republican Senator George Brown. For he has made it quite clear that no sentimental nonsense like idealism governs the conduct of the Teamsters Union hierarchy. The top men want to remain top men and they don't care with whom they associate in order to retain their position.

Of course, there had always been more than a little suspicion that this was true. But Brown, who is in a position to know, laid it boldly on the line in testimony before the Senate rackets committee the other day.

He reminded the committee that James Hoffa, whose actions are under court as well as Congressional scrutiny, is only provisional president of the Teamsters, and said: "When you're provisional president you've got to run for president and have the votes of the washed and unwashed."

That is why, Brown said with a candor that must be considered admirable if we did not suspect that he simply did not know his words would shock more sensitive men. Hoffa hasn't done anything to rid the Teamsters of racketeers; he needs them to help him win the union election.

### 'Cats And Dogs'

Nor does Brown find this philosophy personally repugnant. It obviously is one he has embraced himself, for he told the committee: "When you run for office, you have to have the votes of the washed and unwashed as well. If cats and dogs could vote, I would shake hands with them."

Brown knows something about elections, having been a member of the House and Senate from Ohio. He also knows something about losing them, having been defeated by FRANK LAUSCH, then governor of Ohio, in 1966 despite the fact that the head of his ticket, President Eisenhower, was winning overwhelmingly.

Brown also knows, or should know, the Teamsters Union rather well. Back in his Congressional days, in 1964, he headed a subcommittee investigating the organization but nothing much came of the inquiry. Brown now denounces "the damnable lie" any implication that he got a payoff for going easy.

When the union came under renewed attack some time ago, Hoffa, in a great display of public virtue, said the union would finance an investigation of itself by an unbiased person. For reasons that are not entirely clear to an outsider Brown was selected as that unbiased person, so he is now getting \$125 a day from the union to investigate the union. We do not know how many days he has worked at the job, but it cannot have been very many for he told the committee he had never heard of the charges made by the committee against a couple of racketeers, one of whom is now drawing union pay while in prison. Since these charges were widely publicized, we can only assume Brown not only has lacked the time to investigate the union; he also has lacked the time to read the papers.

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### It's Just Irresistible

Former Senator George Bender is quoted as saying that James Hoffa's teamster headquarters are "like a church." We can't resist the temptation as ask, "Whose church, Senator?"



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### It's Just Irresistible

Former Nazi George Bander is quoted as saying that James Earl Ray's transfer headquarters are "like a church." We can't resist the temptation to ask, "Whose church?"

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## A Costly Joke

When Jimmy Hoffa hired former Sen. George Bender to "clean up" the Teamsters Union last summer, the appointment was generally regarded as a joke. The idea of the Teamsters chief-crook-and-hostile-washer hiring an investigator to hold a mirror up to Hoffa had its humorous side.

A year later, everything that was so strongly suspected about Bender's so-called "investigation" has proved to be true. Bender's appearance before the McClellan committee this week spelled that out.

The former Ohio senator, who rose to that position as a political banger-on of the old Taft machine whose chief usefulness was his loud voice, has not proved to be a cheap investigator. Although he cut his original \$350-a-day fee being paid him by Hoffa to \$125, he has cost the Teamsters \$80,000 in less than a year. He was a bit vague about his services and the results of his investigation. Apparently, for their \$40,000, the Teamsters got a recommendation that one (unnamed) official be removed, but Bender is not sure if he actually has been removed.

That's pretty costly investigating, considering the gold mine of material that congressional investigators, working at much lower rates, have turned up in the Teamsters union.

Before the McClellan committee last week, Bender spent most of his time loudly denying that he has ever accepted bribes or financial support from the Teamsters when he was a congressman and senator, as other witnesses have intimated. But the real gems of political logic came from the Ohio politician when he was asked to explain why Hoffa had not cleaned out some of the well-known crooks in his organization.

It was simple, said Bender. Hoffa needed the votes and political support of the crooks so that he could get firm control of the union and clean out the crooks!

Sen. McClellan and his fellow committeemen have heard some weird testimony in their months of investigating labor-management racketeering, but this must impress them as the masterpiece of its kind.

No one ever expected that a Hoffa-inspired investigation of the Teamsters would result in anything more than this, and it has not. The real facts of the situation in the Teamsters union are self-evident: There will be no real clean-up in the union until Jimmy Hoffa is eliminated at the top, and all the roots of corruption he has put down are cut out. That's not the kind of a clean-up job that Hoffa, himself, will do.

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## Bender as 'Policeman' Is a Colossal Joke

Men succeed in politics for all manner of reasons—some on nothing more than being in the right place at the right time. But generally politicians "break down into two categories, (1) the ones of high principle and integrity who succeed in getting the voters behind their banner, and (2) what might be called the "puppy dog" type, men who are so obviously eager to please the folks at home you just can't help liking them.

George Harrison Bender of Ohio, now in political eclipse but a former member of both the House and Senate, falls into the latter classification.

The key to his political philosophy was clearly expressed when he told the McClellan Committee: "If cats and dogs could vote, I'd shake hands with them."

Actually, he was explaining a situation that most politicians—even the best of them—can pretty readily understand; a man running for public office can't be too choosy about where the votes come from.

But his manner of expressing it revealed something that nobody watching George Bender running for office would ever suspect—his basic contempt for the voter as an individual.

That Jimmy Hoffa should tell George Bender to "shut up" the Teamsters Union, which occasioned the latter's testimony before the McClellan group, is a colossal joke. Perhaps Hoffa thought that Mr. Bender, as a former member of the Senate "club," could take off some of the "heat." And we're sure Mr. Bender did nothing to dispell that notion. But to set up George Bender as a watchdog over anybody's ethics, and expect him to be tough-minded about it, would be like casting Casper Milquetoast in the role of J. Edgar Hoover.

Mr. Bender isn't an evil man; he's just so tolerant it hurts. And in this instance we suspect it hurts Mr. Bender most of all.

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### Some Sexton!

George H. Bender as United States Senator from Ohio was a flagrant bore. As a hireling for the Teamsters' Union, paid \$125 per day to "clean up" that filthy organization, he qualifies better for the role of court jester to king Jimmy Hoffa. He's impressed by Teamster Headquarters in Washington because "it's run like a church office; there is no gambling by drinking or anything of that kind."

Some church! And George Bender is some sexton!

The fact is that the Teamsters' Union is a foul mess; that George Bender as its cleanup man has done nothing provable to improve the situation; that it is a cynical combination of gangsters and power-hungry men who exploit the workers for cash gain; and that, no matter how long it takes, the legally constituted agencies of Congress should continue their drive to run these crooks out of office and to insure decent leadership within the framework of protection for honest unions granted under American law.

Which of course would mean hiring a better sexton for the church than George Bender.



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# POTOMAC FEVER

## FLETCHER KNEBEL

Senate Democrats blast Chairman Butler. Democrats' idea of perfect team-work: Two fighters knocking each other out simultaneously in the 15th round. \* \* \* \* \*

The Secret Service cracks a racket in counterfeit Government checks. That's a Government check that has nothing behind it today—instead of tomorrow. \* \* \* \* \*

Former Senator Bender, a Treasurer payroller at \$125 a day, says the union is run like a church, and it's so nice to pass the collection plate in a church where they let the members keep the offering. \* \* \* \* \*

Dispute between business and politics: Businessmen out and do M. Politicians go out and talk about doing it. \* \* \* \* \*

Averell Harriman says the 1950 Democratic candidate will be picked out of your hat. Democrats are back in the hat. They want your hat before the election—and they want it afterward. \* \* \* \* \*

Communism: A fellow whose government works seven days a week can the promise he can become a capitalist in his spare time.

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## He Didn't Know Sam and Joey

At the 1952 Republican National Convention, George H. Bender, then a representative and later a senator from Ohio, proved himself quite a clown. He was one of the "demonstration leaders," assuming a stand by the main microphone on the rostrum, ringing a huge bell and booming forth cheers in a grating, hoarse, bullfrog voice.

Mr. Bender proved himself something of a joker again yesterday. Having been defeated in his Senate re-election race, Mr. Bender is now on the payroll of the Teamsters Union at \$125 a day (a cut from his original \$250 a day). He recommended in that position of victim, Jimmy Hoffa, to cleanse that great instrument for morality, the Teamsters Union gangster and goon squad. Yesterday Mr. Bender was in the public eye as a witness before the McClellan Senate Labor Rackets Committee.

He provoked laughter when he de-

clared that his association with the Teamsters Union had impressed him with the fact that the Teamsters headquarters "reminds me of a church office." Well, labor union gangsterism and terrorist and violence don't usually mesh out in the Teamsters office. It is more frequent where Teamsters have a picket line.

This "church office" comparison prompted a question to Mr. Bender about whether he had recommended to Hoffa that action be taken against Sam Goldstein, a New York union official who is drinking salary and expense money of \$400 a month while he is in prison.

Mr. Bender hadn't heard of Sam. What about Joey (Hines, Chicago Teamster denounced as a racketeer)?

Mr. Bender hadn't heard of Joey.

From his testimony, it would appear Mr. Bender doesn't know much about the Teamsters Union—or about church offices.

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## Has Bender Helped in Union Cleanup?

Almost a year has passed since former United States Senator George Bender was named by James B. Hoffa, president of the International Teamsters Union, to head up Hoffa's own commission to investigate charges of racketeering and racketeering in that union.

At the time of his appointment, Mr. Bender said he would have a free hand, even to act against Hoffa himself. While Hoffa and various associates have continued to be under investigation by the official McClellan committee of the senate, Mr. Bender has continued to be under fire during his period of service to the teamsters' chief.

It is significant that the former Republican senator and congressman from Ohio has now volunteered his testimony to the McClellan committee in answer to implications that he, Bender, accepted a bribe while conducting a prior probe of the teamsters union when he was a congressman.

It is well that this point be made a part of the record of the current McClellan unit's probe of Hoffa and the teamsters.

The Bender denial does not, however, get to an essential issue: How has ex-Senator Bender helped to clean up the unsavory elements within the union within the last year? Is an internal cleanup possible as long as Hoffa is president and boss? Who pays the substantial fees attributed to Mr. Bender and upon what authority?

The issues here are pertinent because of the claims of many labor union leaders that if the government would let them alone they would take care of corruption and look out for the interests of the membership. The role of the labor bosses in the teamsters and in various other unions is that no new labor legislation is necessary and that even the mild Kennedy bill as passed by the senate should not be touched by the congress.

The issues which now involve Mr. Bender personally should not cloud the fact that Hoffa and Hoffa's associates have still failed to clean up the union and that the union bosses have cleaned houses.

In fact, the incidents that concern Mr. Bender seem to indicate more strongly than ever that an internal cleanup is impossible, and that it is up to the congress to enact strong membership-protecting and public protecting legislation this year.

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## Bender Says Report on Pay Misleading

George H. Bender disclosed today that he is now working "as an individual accepting assignments" from the Teamsters Union.

He said the two other members of the clerkship named by Teamsters chief James Hoffa had not functioned "as a commission" since last December because of litigation challenging the commission.

His comment on the Senate Rackets Committee revelation yesterday that he had been paid \$58,838.07 to help clean up the union:

"That is misleading. The amount includes my salary last year and this year, plus all the expenses that have been incurred.

"Why doesn't the committee disclose its own salaries?"

"The committee has a hundred or more employees and has spent a million and a half to rehash everything the Bender Committee turned up in 1953 and 1954."

Bender, then a member of Congress, headed a subcommittee that investigated labor

racketeering.

As to what he is doing with his salary received this year, Bender said: "I have given some to charities. I am not disclosing where it has been given."

Most of last year's salary was donated to various charities and church groups, Bender said.

"I took this job in dead earnest in a desire to have a clean union of teamsters," said Bender. "The Teamsters Union has been wellfared

wet-nursed more than any other. It is open season on the unpopular teamsters, I guess.

"I am convinced from what

I know that, generally speaking, the Teamsters Union is operated cleanly. I know of no other union that is operated more cleanly," Bender declared.

"Every move the teamsters make is investigated completely."



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## Bender Probe Costs Teamsters \$58,636 in Salaries, Expenses

BY ROBERT CRATER

WASHINGTON: It has cost the Teamsters Union \$58,636.07 to pay for the probe into the activities of ex-Sen. George H. Bender.

The probe, which was headed by Sen. William F. Hoffa, began in May 1948, when Bender was paid \$37,125 in salary from Aug. 18, 1948, to May 4, 1949.

In addition, Bender's expenses amounted to \$21,510.77. This included \$2700 for a Bender friend, Harry Strasser, who was listed as an "investigative personnel" and \$1127 rental on offices which Bender had maintained long before he became chairman of Hoffa's anti-racketeering commission last fall.

BEIJING SAID Bender had worked 180 of a pos-

sible 181 working days, excluding four holidays.

The longer Bender worked, the less he received per day. He got \$230 per day for the first 178 days, \$130 a day for the following 24, and \$125 per day for the final 29 days.

Bender, who had stopped in at the crowded hearing room earlier, had gone "to catch a plane" when the question of his pay came up. But he disclosed in Cleveland today that he is now working "as an individual accepting assignments" from the Teamsters Union.

ON THE STAND himself, Hoffa said he understood the Bender commission had been inactive "because of litigation in the courts." This seeming reference to the court-appointed monitoring board, which the court order Hoffa to discontinue the Bender commission was termed incorrect by a Sen-

ate committee spokesman.

As far as we know, there is nothing to stop Bender a group from working," he said.

When Sen. John F. Kennedy, D. Mass., asked Hoffa what he planned to do with union officials, such as William F. Presser, president of the Ohio and Cleveland Teamsters Joint Councils, Hoffa replied:

"After the committee hearings are completed, Mr. Presser will be required to come before our executive board to explain his actions before this committee." Presser refused to answer committee questions, pleading the Fifth Amendment.

"IS IT PROPER for Presser to take the Fifth Amendment?" asked Senator Kennedy sharply.

"There are no charges against Mr. Presser," Hoffa retorted. He said there had been sensational things said about Presser "in the radio and press" but quickly added, "Presser may readily give an explanation."

"When the committee finishes, we will go down the list point by point on all these charges," Hoffa promised.

The committee will resume hearings Monday morning, with Hoffa slated to return.

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## Bender Is Lone Teamster Cop

By Don O'Connor  
Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 23—The vaunted three-man commission which was to have cleaned up the Teamsters Union has boiled down to a one-man operation, it was learned today.

Cand. for former Wayne County circuit judge Ira W. Jayne and Washington atty. Joseph Donahue from the \$250-a-day reward for an investigation ordered by Teamster President Hoffa which to date has produced absolutely nothing as far as the public is concerned.

THE COMMISSION was dissolved at a meeting last December 15 by mutual agreement, according to former Chicago politician, Senator George

Bender, today's lone investigator.

Barvier said the commission agreed there was no reason for its existence after Hoffa was put into federal court in mid-December to charge-time supervision of the union by a board of monitors.

The district court of appeals recently upheld the Taft-Hartley system, raising the greatest liberal yet to Hoffa's firm-clad rule of the 1.5 million member union.

The clean-up commission came into existence with considerable flare last August promising to make an investigation and come up with recommendations to correct abuses in the union charged by Senator McClellan (D) of Arkansas and his racket committee.

Bender, an chairman, was quick to acknowledge at the time that he was being paid \$250 daily and guaranteed to justify that salary.

BUT TODAY Bender denied the right of any reporter to inquire into his activities.

"I am making reports to the general president and the board and doing whatever policing is assigned to me," Bender said sagely.

"I made a two-year arrangement with the union that was different than Judge Jayne and Donahue. I am now operating individually.

"I am carrying on correspondence with Teamster leaders and prosecuting a few cases in various areas, but I refuse to discuss what recommendations I've

made. I am not authorized to publish any of my notions."

BENDER SAID he was sure he had accomplished much and that his activities were "keeping things in an orderly manner" within the union. This statement was somewhat at variance with both the monitors and McClellan committee.

Bender said he wasn't collecting \$250-a-day anymore, but refused to say what he was making. He alluded to wire service reports which recently said he was collecting half—or \$125—of the original amount.

He said he took a voluntary pay cut after the commission was dissolved. Bender also pointed to his claim that last year he had turned his salary over to charity, but didn't make the same claim about his reduced pay.

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## POTOMAC PATTEN

THE U. S. Ambassador to India, Ellsworth Bunker, back in Washington after two years, reports that the American small industry exhibition in Calcutta drew 600,000 visitors.

One of the principal attractions, he admits, was that it was free and that doughnuts and ice cream were available. But when the show moved to New Delhi, they figured they couldn't handle that much of a crowd. So the doughnuts and ice cream were cut out. The number of visitors dropped to only 500,000.

### At Ease

Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson, retiring at the end of June to return to his home in Richmond, Va., has been frequently asked if he intends to enter politics and maybe run for the Senate to succeed Harry Byrd.

Secretary Robertson always replies with the story of a big Negro soldier he met on the first day that the American prisoners of war held in the Reds were released at Panmunjom, Korea. Like all the others, the GI was glassy-eyed from fatigue and anti-sourishment.

In an effort to spark him up a little, Secretary Robertson asked the man where he was from.

"North Carolina," he said lamely.

"Nah," said the Secretary. "I'm from Virginia."

A man smiled at up the soldier's face. "When I get back home down South," he said, "I ain't never gain' north no more."

### Defense on the Ball

Pentagon officials believe the greatest honor that could be bestowed on new Army Chief of Staff Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer is an invitation to open the baseball season at the old Soldiers by tossing out the first ball. Gen. Lemnitzer, who takes over the top Army post July 1, is the most enthusiastic baseball fan in the Pentagon.

His attitude every home game of the Washington Senators that he can't. And he's sure to argue about the merits of each player. The enthusiasm is even apparent when he's discussing military affairs.

The other day he rejected a colonel's strategy proposal by saying, "That's way out of the ballpark."

Keep up with the trivia from the upper reaches of Our Town. Each Saturday, The News publishes these conversation pieces, diligently winnowed from masses of the same gathered by Andrews Tully and Jerry Bennett—outdoor-pore par excellence.

Dr. Dieckhoff, furious, stomped out with a stream of muffled German oaths. And for a few days everybody at the Embassy jumped when the phone rang.

### In the Wind

A photographer was looking for a place to take a panoramic shot of a new wing that's being added to the State Department. He finally decided on a top floor window in another State office building nearby where files are stored.

"I wonder if I'll need a security pass to get in that of fice?" he asked a workman.

"Heck, no," the man replied. "You can tell from out here that there's no guards in the whole building. Not one window has an air conditioning unit."

### Cancellation

Following his defeat at the National Spelling Bee, 13-year-old Hubert Grawley of Creston Square, Pa., was greeted by Little Roberts Reed, a 12-year-old contestant from England.

"Don't feel bad about losing," Roberts said. "You spelled tremendously."

Robert replied, "You mean tremendously awful."

### Not a Rise or Fall

Former Ohio Sen. George Bender was commenting the other day about how his boss, Teamsters Union Pres. Jimmy Hoffa, doesn't drink, smoke or flirt with pretty girls. But Mr. Bender, concerned that Hoffa is the most accomplished swimmer he's ever listened to, "Apart from his cussing," says Mr. Bender, "I don't know of anything he's doing wrong."

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**Bender's Plush Job Shaky**

Former Sen. George H. Bender of Cleveland, hired by James R. Hoffa as chairman of a special committee to clean up the teamsters' union, has himself cleaned up about \$50,000 in fees—at \$250 a day—since he began the assignment last September.

However, the gravy train for Mr. Bender may be nearing the end of its run. The circuit court of appeals in Washington has upheld the power of the three-member board of monitors to clean up the teamsters union and Mr. Bender's lucrative job is expected to be one of the board's first targets.

All the monitors have been waiting for is the court's decision establishing their authority to act. Previously they made it clear that Hoffa's three-man "antirackete commission" headed by the Cleveland politician would be dissolved.

Marlin O'Donoghue, the monitors' chairman, had no specific comment on the Bender committee, but noted that "the board of monitors' position in the court of appeals has been upheld in all vital areas. It is now clear that the district court has authority to insist that corruption in the teamsters be wiped out before an election can be held. The board of monitors now can go forward under the protection of the court."

Naturally, Mr. Bender strongly defends his committee although, as far as is known, he has never said specifically what he has accomplished toward cleaning up the teamsters.

However, he did state that "I've had wonderful cooperation from the union. I don't know of a union that is being conducted in a more orderly, proper and legal manner than this union is."

It's amusing what \$250 a day will buy: Mr. Bender's comment is proof—if any is needed—that Hoffa didn't hire an antirackete committee; it was just another highly paid applause section. The monitors aren't getting rid of it too quickly.



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## Bender Enjoys Union Work So Much He Asks Pay Cut

WASHINGTON, June 12—Former U. S. Sen. George H. Bender, who has been an adviser to the Teamsters union, and who has been a member of the House of Representatives, today said he has taken a pay cut, at his own suggestion, as an "anti-tracker" adviser to the union headed by controversial James R. Hoffa.

He quoted Hoffa as saying "we feel George Bender is doing an excellent job."

Bender was hired by Hoffa last fall as a spokesman of a union-sponsored committee supposed to get rid of Teamsters racketeers from the inside. Bender said today his pay as union spokesman—the commission he headed has been inactive since last October—was not affected by a court ruling this week. The ruling confirmed that a court-appointed board of "monitors" has power to clean up the Teamsters.

Asked if he has succeeded in getting the union to Hoffa to oust any racketeers, Bender replied that a number have resigned. In Philadelphia, he said, the Teamsters tried to fire some racketeers but the court wouldn't let them.

Bender said Hoffa has been "most cooperative."

"My work here," he explained, "is comparable to that of any lawyer. My function is seeing to it as best I can that there are no violations of any kind. Much in my own career, my recommendations have been accepted by Hoffa and the board."

As for the pay cut he has taken, Bender says he suggested it because "for income tax purposes I could get along with a lot less."

His pay, when he was hired, was announced at \$250 a day. He said this was paid him only on days he actually worked for Hoffa. According to some sources here, Bender reduced his pay to \$125 per working day.



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## Bender's Pay Cut to \$125 a Day as Adviser to Hoffa

By Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Former Ohio Sen. George H. Bender now is being paid only \$125 a day as union cleanup adviser for Teamster President James R. Hoffa.

The \$125-a-day figure represents a 50% pay cut, when Bender accepted the chairmanship of Hoffa's three-man group last August it was agreed he would be paid \$250 a day.

The pay cut reportedly has been in effect for several weeks. Bender said he asked for it because "for someone the purpose I should get along with a lot less."

But there were some indications that the Teamsters may have had a hand in the pay reduction. Bender said Hoffa came to feel that Bender was "making much money."

Just how much Bender has been paid in the advisory job is not known. Neither Bender nor the union will say. It has been reported, however, that

his over-all salary and expenses have approximated \$100,000.

Bender's role as Hoffa's hand-picked cleanup boss and his income in that post are likely to be aired when the Senate Rackets Committee reads Hoffa's story in the next few weeks. The court-appointed monitors also are looking into Bender's relationship with the union.

Last September Bender said he would donate to charity the money he earned in the Teamster post.

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## Bender May Lose Job In Teamster Cleanup

By Lowell K. Bridwell

Washington, June 12 — Former Sen. George H. Bender's lucrative days as Jimmy Hoffa's hand-picked chief of the Teamsters' "anti-racketeering commission" are numbered.

Bender's 12 1/2 a day job is expected to be one of the main targets of a board of monitors which orders Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa has been told to obey.

A federal appeals court here has upheld the power of the monitors to order a cleanup of the group's financial books.

The three-member committee heard originally was established by federal court order to oversee the operations of the 1,600,000-member union after a group of members charged that Hoffa's election as president was rigged.

The monitors previously have refused to comment on Bender's group, but the board said the court decision made it clear that it has authority to discipline the Teamsters.

Monks F. J. Donaghy, monitors' chairman, declined comment on Bender's group, but the board said the court decision made it clear that it has authority to discipline the Teamsters.

Bender, who said he was working hard at his 12 1/2-a-day job, strongly defended his chairmanship of Hoffa's anti-racketeering committee. He said he didn't expect the court decision to affect his operations because it would be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Probes Cooperation**  
The former Ohio Republican senator declined to say specifically what he has accomplished towards cleaning up the Teamster Union.

"I've had wonderful cooperation from the union," Bender said. "I don't know of a union that is being conducted in a more ethical, proper and legal manner than this union is."

Bender has once paid an estimated \$50,000 in fees alone to the Teamsters job last September. Bender has been working daily since then despite the fact the other two members of the committee, F. Joseph

Donaghy of Washington, and Ira W. Jayne of Detroit, have not been active. Neither Donaghy nor Jayne has been heard from since then.

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# \$250-a-Day Bender Anti-Racket Job Is Teamster Monitors' Target

BY LOWELL K. BRIDWELL  
Press Intelligence Writer

WASHINGTON — Former Ohio Sen. George H. Bender, who didn't expect the court decision to affect his operation, has been named as Jim Hoffa's hand-picked chief of the Teamsters' anti-racketeering commission.

Bender's \$250-a-day job is expected to be one of the main targets of a board of monitors whose orders Teamster proxy Jimmy Hoffa has been told to obey.

A Federal Appeals Court there has upheld the power of the monitors to order a cleanup of the giant truckers' union.

The three-member monitor board originally was established by federal court order to oversee the operations of the 1,600,000-member union after a group of members charged that Hoffa's election as president was rigged.

He said after declining to say specifically what he has accomplished in cleaning up the Teamster Union. "I don't know of a estimated \$50,000 in fees for, F. Joseph Donoghue of Teamsters Washington and Ira W. Joyce, Bender of Detroit, have not been working daily since then. Neither Donoghue nor Joyce has been paid anything.

The former Republican senator from the union, Bender has been paid an estimated \$50,000 in fees for, F. Joseph Donoghue of Teamsters Washington and Ira W. Joyce, Bender of Detroit, have not been working daily since then. Neither Donoghue nor Joyce has been paid anything.

## Awaiting Court Action

The monitors previously have said as soon as the courts firmly established their authority, they would recommend that Bender's three-man cleanup committee be dissolved.

Martin F. O'Donoghue, the monitors' chairman, declined comment on Bender's group decision made it clear that it has authority to wipe out corruption in the Teamsters.

Bender, who said he's working hard at his \$250-a-day job, strongly defended his chairmanship of Hoffa's anti-racketeering commission.



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## Morton Sees 86th Congress As A 'Won't Do Congress'

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By JAMES MACNEES

Washington, June 3—Senator Morton (R., Ky.), chairman of the Republican National Committee, today called the Democratic-controlled eighty-sixth Congress a "won't do Congress."

Speaking in a National Press Club luncheon, Morton said the Democrats in Congress were not doing "what is vital to the nation's progress. And it won't come up with an alternative program of its own."

Morton charged the Democratic leadership has bogged down on many fronts.

"It won't take action that is required to keep the Federal Highway program moving at top speed. It won't take action on more than 1,000 Presidential appointments. It won't push for a labor reform bill."

**Clies Wheat Program**  
"Daisy it is becoming more and more evident," Morton declared, "that it is the 'won't do Congress'."

Noting that another huge wheat harvest is about to get under way and that some \$3,000,000,000 of Federal funds already are invested in wheat stock, Morton said the wheat program is fast becoming a national scandal. He said that in fast running for the Congress to pass long-overdue correction.

Morton said Senator Anderson (D., R.M.), a former Secretary of Agriculture, has predicted that the eighty-sixth Congress would not produce a Democratic fall policy.

"I believe farm voters are coming back home to the Republican party," the chairman declared.

### "Chandler's Contribution"

Morton was introduced as Kentucky "Governor Happy Chandler's contribution to the Republican party."

Morton won the senatorial contest in 1954 in that State by a margin of 7,000 out of 1,000,000 votes. President Eisenhower calls those 7,000 who voted for Morton "discerning Democrats."

The chairman said his own party is faced with the "absolute necessity of building its strength at the block and precinct level."

This will not be a scatter-gun operation, he indicated, but added that the party will "pinpoint a drive at those 75-100 districts where we can pick up enough votes to win the House and Senate."

**"Need Action in Big Cities"**  
"This need is especially acute in the big cities," he said. "More than once we have won the rural areas, the small towns and cities and the suburbs of metropolitan centers only to lose the national election in the big cities."

In the question and answer period following his speech the chairman was asked whether

he favored Vice President Nixon and Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York, going into a series of primary contests.

He begged the question, calling them "both proven champions."

He was asked to illustrate his role in liaison with the White House and said he attends legislative leaders meetings with the President on Tuesdays and Cabinet meetings "when I may have something to offer."

**"Not Most Exciting Meetings"**

"But, frankly," he added, "they are not the most exciting meetings in the world."

As for labor's political role, the chairman said he thought unions were making a considerable mistake in "putting all their eggs in one basket"—the Democratic party.

He said the Congress should pass legislation to curtail unions making special assessments of their members and using that money for only one party.

He said it was especially distressing to him to have union members working for him in his senatorial race and find the members' unions putting up money for the other candidate.

**Hushed By Chairman**

Former Republican Senator Bender (Ohio), who has been named by James Beffa, teamster union leader, to investigate city wrongdoing in his union, attempted to interrupt an state that a lot of unions backed Republican candidates, but Chairman Lawrence hushed him with the thrice-repeated statement that questions are not allowed from the floor.

Back in his own State, Morton noted that the Republican party won in Kentucky in 1943, "when there was a bad split in the Democratic ranks"—"we may do it again" in 1960, he added.

**Labor Bill Seen Issue**

He said he had Presidential assurances that "insofar as his duties will permit" Eisenhower will do all he can in the next election.

"He's genuinely interested to see a Republican succeed him and to pick up as many House and Senate seats as we can," Morton said.

Morton replied, in answer to another question, that lack of a labor reform bill to give labor a chance to correct abuses within its ranks would be an issue in 1960.

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